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100 Freshmen Wellesley Residents Not Yet Moved

Tom Chmielewski
Staff Writer

From a hefty room and board bill to an outbreak of bedbugs, students residing at the Wellesley Inn in Fairfield have patiently waited for rooms to open up on campus – an event which seems increasingly unlikely to occur with each passing day.

The students residing at the Wellesley Inn in Fairfield include approximately 100 new freshmen and sophomores who did not receive housing on campus. The number of students at the hotel originally totaled about 115, but some students have been able to move onto campus as the first semester progressed.

According to Susanne Ferrin, the Director of the Office of Residential Education, the decision to use the Wellesley Inn in Fairfield rather than a closer hotel was made because, "As per New Jersey code, they are a sprinklered facility [unlike the Holiday Inn right near campus]."

The University also took bids for their use of a hotel, which the Wellesley Inn in Fairfield success-

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Christopher Taylor
Wellesley Resident

fully sought.

Though many would think that living in a hotel would be far superior to the campus dorms, some have not shared this sentiment in Fairfield. Grievances which students have aired include an inadequate shuttle system, a larger room and board bill than students in Bohn or Blanton Halls have to

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Budget Report Raises Inquiries for SGA



Duygu Atacan / The Montclarion

SGA President Angelo Lilla (foreground) addresses the legislative body as bookkeeper Pamela Mitchell (left background) and President Pro Tempore Jeremy Slagle (right background) examine the budget report, three lines of which were the topic of a heated discussion Wednesday.

Shayna Jacobs
News Editor

Budget discrepancies surrounding three pre-audit lines added to the first and only budget report to be presented to the legislature in the 2006-2007 academic year were raised at Wednesday's Student Government Association meeting.

The SGA bookkeeper Pamela Mitchell is not a regular attendee but was called into the meeting to explain the addition of the lines.

Chief Justice Joe Specchio, President Pro Tempore Jeremy Slagle and legislator Kate Reed inquired further and expressed concerns about the possibility of arbitrary spending given the extended

budget lines.

The present SGA Treasurer Maria Soares has been negligent in presenting a monthly budget

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Maria Soares
SGA Treasurer

report to the legislature, a mandatory duty of the executive position.

"I had no idea what a monthly

report was until about last week," said Soares, a former two-year secretary of the appropriations committee, with four total years of SGA involvement.

The three lines in controversy are "Capital Equipment" (\$20,000), "Summer Housing" (\$7,800) and "Summer Food" (\$7,794). They were added before the SGA was audited at the end of the summer.

"That budget refers to the SGA's expenditures," said Mitchell. "The reason for the new lines is that in order to expend from the budget, we had to have a line for it to come from."

She added that SGA President Angelo Lilla and Soares suggested, "this was what to do."

The SGA statutes and by-laws allot \$150 a week for each of the four executive board members' food over the summer recess and \$150 a week for their on-campus housing costs.

SGA President Angelo Lilla said the capital equipment line "could be a mistake" by Mitchell, who has been employed since March 2006.

He further explained that the food and housing expenditures were not incorporated into the budget as distinct lines because things weren't done properly in the past.

"What happened in the past was very unorganized," said Lilla. "In 74 years, there were no records of

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No Winter Break Housing Fees For 2006

Peter Schaus
Arts and Entertainment Editor

The Office of Residence Life recently revoked their decision to charge residents who plan to stay in The Village and Russ Hall an approximated \$105 a week over holiday break. Last year's announcement of this change in policy resulted in an angry backlash from students like Jennifer Ward, a former Village resident who

stated, "As long as I can remember, Village residents stayed on campus over breaks, and it was somewhat of a senior privilege." Quoted in the Sept. 22, 2005 issue of *The Montclarion*, Ward went on to add, "The cost to live in the Village is already high, and if past residents stayed over breaks free of charge, [it isn't fair] for current residents to be charged."

Students like Ward convinced the SGA Executive Board to ask the administration to reconsider

their decision. Students believed that they weren't appropriately warned about the excess charge, as it was only announced in the fine print of the Residence Licenses and Dining Services Agreement. Former Residence Life director Regina Sargent agreed with this criticism stating, "Truthfully, I don't know if many of them are truly aware of the change."

After reviewing the fiscal implications of changing the newly instated policy, Dr. Karen

Pennington, Vice President for Student Development and Campus Life, decreed that they would be "able to absorb the charges for one more year." However, a year later, the changes have yet to be implemented and students will once again be able to stay in the Village and Russ free of charge over break. The director of Residential Education Susanne Ferrin did not respond to questioning, so the reasons surrounding the decision to not charge this year are unknown.

MSU Campus Calendar

THURSDAY, 7	MONDAY, 11
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	Mindfulness Meditation, Drop-In Center, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
CIC: Concert, SC Ratt, 7 p.m.	Eating and Body Image, Drop-In Center, 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Inner Beauty, SC Ballrooms, 7 p.m.	CaribSO: 'Nuff Respect '06, SC Ballrooms, 8 p.m.
UAASO: Holiday Party, SC Dining Rm., 7 p.m.	
FRIDAY, 8	TUESDAY, 12
Players Performance, SC Annex 126, 8 p.m.	Poinsettia Day
	Creative Arts Stress Relief, Drop-In Center, 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
SATURDAY, 9	WEDNESDAY, 13
Weekend Party, SC Ballrooms, 9 p.m.	Designated as a Friday
Have A Great Weekend!	Breaking Down The Barriers, SC 419, 7 p.m.
	NAACP: Kwanzaa, SC Ballrooms, 8 p.m.
SUNDAY, 10	
Players Performance, SC Annex, 8 p.m.	
Have A Great Weekend!	

SGA Notes

- Japan Club Class II Charter passed
- Pagan Student Union charter passed
- American Choral Directors Association charter passed
- Athletic Training Club charter passed

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The Police Report:

GPS System Thefts On the Rise In MSU

11/27/06 - A student reported the theft of his front license plate while located in Lot 43.

11/28/06 - A student reported the theft of her cell phone while located in the Student Center.

11/28/06 - A student reported the theft of his GPS Unit while located in Lot 26.

11/28/06 - A faculty member reported the theft of a TV/VCR combo while located in Mallory Hall.

11/30/06 - Student Christopher J. Michaels was issued a summons for consuming an alcoholic beverage under the legal age while located in Stone Hall.

11/30/06 - A student reported the theft of various items from his motor vehicle while located in Lot 22.

11/30/06 - A student reported receiving alarming messages via cell phone while located in Bohn Hall. The complainant refused to file criminal charges.

12/2/06 - A student reported observing obscene language written in black spray paint in the Student Center.

12/3/06 - A student reported the theft of his GPS system while located in Lot 32.

Anyone who has information regarding these incidents is urged to call the police station from any campus phone at T-I-P-S (8477). All calls are strictly confidential.

Local News

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BLOOMFIELD - The discovery of a 5-month-old baby left alone in a car at a store parking lot led to the arrests of the boy's mother and her boyfriend, police said yesterday.

At 3 p.m., a customer approached an off-duty Bloomfield police officer working at the Home Depot and reported a "young child" sitting in a car alone, department spokesman Capt. Chris Goul said.

When the officer went outside to check, he found a 5-month-old boy sitting in the car and the

door was unlocked. He removed him, took the baby into the store and called for an ambulance, Goul said.

The driver of the car and the mother's boyfriend, Carlos Lizarbe, 39, of Newark, drove off, Goul said. Girlfriend Paulette Williams, 35, of East Orange, returned later to claim the baby.

Lizarbe was arrested and charged with endangering the welfare of a minor, Goul said. Williams had an outstanding arrest warrant and also was arrested.

The baby was turned over to the state Division of Youth and Family Services for further care, Goul said.

BAYONNE - Finally pulled free of its Hudson River anchorage after 24 years as a floating military museum, the historic aircraft carrier USS Intrepid was suddenly on the move again, bound for a long-awaited overhaul at a New Jersey shipyard.

Just getting the 36,000-ton ship to move was a major triumph for Intrepid's owners and

the tugboat operators, who had to scrub a previous attempt on Nov. 6 when the carrier's rudder and four giant screws dug into bottom mud, thwarting the efforts of six powerful tugboats.

After a three-week dredging operation that removed nearly 40,000 cubic yards of muck, four tugs accomplished the task on Tuesday. Then came a 5-mile journey, lasting seven hours with delays waiting for favorable currents, before Intrepid docked at the Military Ocean Terminal in Bayonne.

National News

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GADSDEN, AL - Police believe the mother of a 5-year-old boy and her boyfriend staged his abduction, which led to an Amber Alert, to cover up his death as a result of "physical abuse and trauma," Sheriff James Hayes said Tuesday.

The body of Geontae Glass was found early Tuesday in his mother's car at her boyfriend's apartment in Rainbow City, outside Gadsden, Hayes said.

The mother, Shalinda Glass, and her boyfriend, Kevin Andre Towles, have been arrested, but charges have not been filed.

"We believe the evidence is going to show that these two

caused the death of this young fellow," Hayes said at a news conference.

QUEENS, NY - One of two men wounded in the hail of 50 police bullets that killed their unarmed friend following a bachelor party has for the first time publicly disputed the police version of the incident.

In an interview Tuesday at a Queens hospital, Trent Benefield was asked if it was true that a fourth companion, possibly armed, fled the scene of the Nov. 25 shooting outside a Queens strip club.

"No," he told NY1 News in a

soft voice. "No fourth man."

Benefield, 23, who was shot three times in the legs, was to be released from the hospital on Tuesday and met with the black civil rights leader Rev. Al Sharpton, according to Sharpton's office.

The shooting killed 23-year-old Sean Bell on his wedding day and wounded two of his companions, setting off an outrage in the black community.

HOUMA, LA - A man has confessed to strangling or suffocating 23 men during an eight-year killing spree and dumping their bodies in remote spots in seven

parishes, police said.

Ronald J. Dominique, 42, was charged with nine additional counts of murder on Monday, bringing the total to 11 counts against him, 10 for first-degree murder and one for second-degree murder.

Terrebonne Parish Sheriff Jerry Larperter said Dominique confessed to killing 23 men, all males between the ages of 16 and 46, between 1997 and 2005.

Joseph Waitz, the parish's district attorney, said his office will seek the death penalty against Dominique, who was being held Monday in Terrebonne Parish jail.

International News

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MILAN, ITALY - An Italian prosecutor on Tuesday requested the indictment of 26 Americans and five Italian secret service officials on a charge of kidnapping an Egyptian cleric in Milan in 2003 — a case that continues to be an irritant to U.S.-Italian relations.

Prosecutor Armando Spataro, who has been leading the investigation, said the indictment request is aimed at CIA agents and the former head of the Italian military intelligence Nicolo Pollari for alleged

involvement in the kidnapping.

All but one of the Americans have been identified by the prosecution as CIA agents, including former station chiefs in Rome and Milan, and the 26th as a U.S. Air Force officer stationed at the time at Aviano air base near Venice.

Spataro last month asked the new center-left government of Romano Prodi to request the Americans' extradition, but has not yet received a response.

BAGHDAD, IRAQ - Iraqi

Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki on Tuesday proposed holding regional and domestic conferences aimed at national unity and stability, as dozens of Iraqis died in several attacks in Baghdad and Diyala province.

Al-Maliki, speaking at a televised news conference, said his new push included a reorganization of his Cabinet.

Lawmakers are working on the Cabinet reshuffle in an effort to foster national unity, he said, and changes will be announced

Al-Maliki's call came at a time of leadership change in the United States, where Robert Gates, President Bush's nominee for defense secretary, told senators during his confirmation hearing that the "status quo isn't acceptable" in Iraq.



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SGA President Angelo Lilla (left), bookkeeper Pamela Mitchell (middle) and Treasurer Maria Soares (right) hear qualms about the three lines added to the budget report. The additions were made prior to their late summer audit. "We just had to account for it," said Lilla of the e-board's summer housing and food allowances.



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these lines."

He cited a change in the record-keeping system as a reason for the necessity of the additions.

When asked about where the money for summer housing and food was appropriated from he said, "Almost all of it is coming out of the unappropriated surplus."

"It would have been nice to know that you guys were doing this," said Specchio. "How were we supposed to know this happened?"

Lilla spoke of past disorganization in the SGA treasury with prior bookkeepers.

"The system before [Mitchell] was incredible, and not in a good way," said Lilla. "There were some flimsy mistakes and we're trying to clean up things from past years."

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Angelo Lilla
SGA President

The budget discussion concluded with a suggestion from Lilla that the issue be discussed in small groups.

"I feel like it's inappropriate to discuss this with so many organizations here wondering what the hell is going on," he said, referring to the four organizations in the back of the lecture hall, waiting to go up for

charter bills.

"I'm trying to save you guys," he joked.

Class One organizations routinely deal with the SGA executive board to retrieve money from their pre-designated spending lines.

Purchase requisition forms are submitted, and once approved, both the President and Treasurer must sign the checks.

Class One Concerts President Mike Saavedra received a voicemail death threat from Wu-Tang Clan member Cappadonna, because of a late check from a Sept. 8 performance, which was referred to the MSU Police Department.

He said the purchase requisition was submitted two weeks in advance, and after multiple attempts to reach Soares, he called Lilla, which elicited a last-minute visit from Soares. The artist didn't receive his \$2,000 check until a week after the show.

"[Checks and paperwork] are late all the time," said Saavedra. "It's not Pam's fault, because she needs [Soares] to sign the checks."

CLUB is sponsoring tonight's Winter Ball, for which various vendors were retained. According to CLUB President Laura Hutchins, there was confusion surrounding the finances of the event, as the vendors "didn't understand that we don't write our own checks."

"I have mixed feelings," she said. "There are people on the [SGA] e-board who are very supportive, and people who are not taking their jobs as seriously as they should be."

WMSC is a Class One organization like CLUB and Class One Concerts.

The treasurer of WMSC, Charlie Frometa, deals most closely with the organization's finances and submitted the purchase requisites for their annual trip to the week-long

CMJ festival.

"I got all of the money within the week — surprisingly quick," said Frometa of WMSC's CMJ expenses.

He estimates that he has submitted over 30 line transfers and expressed that he had no problems with the processes.

"I wish she was around more, but besides that I'm happy with [Soares]," said Frometa.

A formal complaint against Soares was submitted today by Specchio to Attorney General Anthony Gutilla. Two official complaints are immediate grounds for impeachment charges against an elected official.

WELLESLEY

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pay, increased difficulty in academics and socialization and a bedbug outbreak, which occurred at the beginning of the first semester.

Christopher Taylor, who occupied the room that the bedbugs originated from, has since moved onto campus. He believes that his switch to Bohn Hall occurred only as a result of his tenacity.

"I was only able to move onto campus after making many phone calls and letters," Taylor said. "The first person to respond to anything was Susanne Ferrin. I believe the only reason I was moved onto campus was because I was the one who was making the most trouble for them."

Ferrin acknowledged being aware of the bedbug issue and explained the steps taken to remedy the situation.

"Within a day of our office being notified, I, along with our Director of Health Services Donna Barry, sent out an e-mail to the parents in regards to the issue ... The hotel was more than cooperative. One of the affected students [Taylor] was to be placed on campus," Ferrin said.

Though the bedbug issue was a major concern for a few students, many students who

don't have cars at the Wellesley Inn seem to dislike the shuttle service. Originally, the shuttle schedule drew many complaints from students for a lack of availability.

After hearing those complaints, the University adjusted the schedule to include more trips to and from campus. However, many still feel the shuttle service is far from ideal.

Dennis Hsaio, a freshman living at the Wellesley Inn, explains his take on the shuttle service: "It's like playing roulette: You never know when the shuttle is going to leave or show up, whether the roof is going to leak on you or whether there will be enough room to sit."

While the students still living in the hotel wait for a bed on campus to open, former Wellesley Inn residents who have been able to move onto campus seem to enjoy their new dorms thus far.

Glenn Howard, who recently moved from the hotel to Blanton, feels that the switch has helped him the most academically. "You don't have to worry about catching a shuttle, so it's easier to talk to your teachers. It's also easier to go to the library and less stressful [on campus] in general," he said.



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The Top Ten Most Awkward Situations in a Relationship

Bernadette Marciniak
Assistant Copy Editor

We've all been in awkward situations before, but it's different when we're around a person that we're very attracted to. After a while they become less awkward, but for now here's a list of ten awkward situations you may find yourself in when in a relationship.

1. The Drive Home After a Fight

It's happened to all us before. We somehow managed to get into a brawl with our significant other, right before a long drive home or somewhere else. You sit there in silence, trying to decide whether it should be broken. After all, they were the one who started it, and they're the one who was wrong.

2. Finding Out They're Cheating On You

No matter how you find out, it'll be an awkward situation. You may have found out from promiscuous messages left by another guy or girl on their MySpace. Or they could have been really stupid about it and made public posts on their LiveJournal. Or better yet — they tell you flat out. What can you possibly say or do in that situation?

3. Finding Them Dressed In The Opposite Sex's Clothes

There's nothing wrong with drag, as long as your partner is open with you from the beginning. But if you walk in and find your boyfriend dressed in a tutu and fairy wings, it may be a little uncomfortable.

4. Telling Them Their Breath Smells Bad

You really don't want to do it, but every single time they reach in for a kiss, you just want to gag. Haven't they ever heard of Listerine? You'll have to say something eventually.

5. The First Kiss

This is probably the most intimidating situation one can find themselves in; even sex isn't as intimidating since it should be planned by the both of you. But the first kiss comes out of nowhere! You hardly know when to expect it, how it will feel, etc. Just breathe and take it in though; you'll most likely be pleased.

6. Passing Gas During Sex

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Paganism Influenced Christmas Customs

Douglas McIntyre
Chief Copy Editor

Those who celebrate Christmas take the time to put up a tree, hang a wreath on the door, and find gifts to exchange with loved ones. Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus, honoring the nativity story.

What these Christians may not know is why putting a tree indoors and exchanging gifts celebrates the birth of Jesus. They follow traditions that were passed down from the generations before them.

Though it may surprise them, their customs came from the pagan celebration of the winter solstice, also called Yule. The name is familiar, especially those used to burning the Yule log in their family. Pagans burn it on the solstice to bring good luck into their homes.

The Christian Church labeled many people as pagan. According to the Oxford English Dictionary, the term referred to anyone who did not subscribe to the Christian religion, though modern meanings refer to anyone whose religion is not mainstream, especially those that worship multiple gods.

Christian missionaries, in their attempts to convert pagans to Christianity, adopted some of their customs and holidays to make it more acceptable to the pagans, according to allaboutjesuschrist.org, and in 4 A.D., they adopted the pagan feast of Yule and renamed it Christmas.

Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas. However, allaboutjesuschrist.org said he was more likely born in the spring since, according to Luke 2:8-12, the shepherds were in the fields, which is very unlikely in December. The reason Christmas became the day this celebration occurs is rooted in the pagan mythology.

Every year, according to pagan myth, the



courtesy of Melissa Revesz

Holly is among the evergreens used as Christmas decorations. Pagans put evergreens in their houses to represent their hope for the coming of spring.

birth of the pagan god, sometimes represented as the sun god, occurs at Yule. This is one reason for the burning of the Yule log — the fire represents the return of the sun. Over the year, he grows and then becomes the consort of the goddess in the ditheistic religion. At Beltane on May 1, pagans celebrate her

impregnation with the new god to be born at Yule again, thus completing the year's cycle. Thus, the god is the father of the figure born at Yule, who eventually becomes honored as the pagans' god again. It connects to the

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The Most Inspiring Story of 2006

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The greatest weakness for most people is that they don't realize their own strength.
— Author unknown

Some people collect stamps. Others collect coins. I collect stories. What I treasure most in my collection are the stories that inspire. Here's one of the crown jewels: The #1 most inspiring story of 2006.

Jason McElwain wasn't trying to inspire anyone. He was just doing his job as well as he could. Jason was the manager of the boys' varsity basketball team at Greece Athena High School outside of Rochester, N.Y. Jason didn't want to be the manager; he had always wanted to play. He tried out, but he wasn't even able to make the junior varsity. So for three years, Jason was totally committed to his job as the team's student manager.

Feb. 15, 2006 was senior night for Jason's team, and Jason was now a senior. Coach Jim Johnson rewarded Jason for his dedication by having him put on a uniform and sit on the bench as a player for his final home game.

With just four minutes left in the game, Jason's team was ahead by 20 points. Coach pointed to Jason and told him to go into the game.

The fans went wild. Everyone wanted to see Jason make a basket. His teammates passed him the ball and he missed his first

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Healthy Gift Seekers Try These Ideas for the Holidays

James Carpentier
Staff Writer

Trying to find someone an ideal gift for the upcoming holiday season, a birthday or other special occasion can be a dilemma, especially when doing last-minute shopping. If you are undecided about a gift or are seeking something different for someone, here are some fitness and wellness gift ideas:

• A One-Month Health Club Membership.

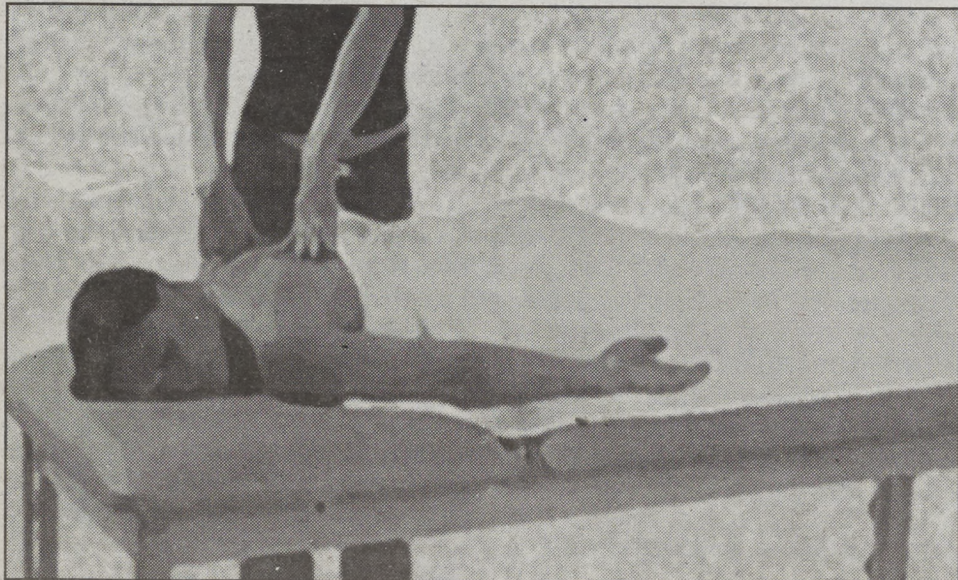
With all the holiday parties and extra calories, losing those added pounds are tops for a New Year's Day resolution. With that in mind, giving someone a one-month trial membership to an area health club makes a perfect gift. As an added incentive, include

some sweatpants, shorts and other workout apparel, or some exercise books or workout magazines to complement the health club membership gift, and you'll be giving someone a total wellness package! Many local gyms and Y's also offer gift certificates. And by the way, why not treat yourself to a health club membership in 2007?

• **Personal Training Gift Certificate.** For someone new to exercise, hiring a certified personal trainer can be a wise investment. Check with local health clubs, gyms or Y's for personal training gift certificates.

• **Massage Gift Certificate.** This makes a great gift, especially for someone under recent stress (i.e. a tough semester at college

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Jessica Sproviero | The Montclarion

Dear P and S,

This guy and I went on a couple of dates and we even had sex. But a few days after our last one, he told me, "I don't want to lead you on." What do guys mean when they said that?

-Bewildered in Blanton

Peter Schaus
Arts & Entertainment Editor

It seems that you have stumbled upon one of two special breeds of guys that we at *The Montclarion* like to call the "Fourth Date Fleer" and "On-Call Boyfriend."

The "Fourth Date Fleer" is the kind of guy who you go on the first date with, have a lot of awkward silences and, if you're lucky, share an uncomfortable kiss at the front door. But, somehow, he calls you again to hang out and you hope for the best, but the situation stays the same. You'll probably end up having a really long conversation about a subject that interests neither of you, e.g. the sudden mainstream success of Rachael Ray, and you'll probably start making out with him just to shut him the hell up.

The chemistry still isn't there, so it's surprising when he calls you up for yet another date. The two of you have run out of things to talk about, so in order to make the time go by faster, the two of you decide to have sex. However, the next time the two of you talk, he

tells you that he doesn't "want to lead you on." What he means by this is the two of you clearly aren't meant to be together as a couple, but that he still wanted to have sex with you anyway. If this was the case, don't feel too bad. You didn't want to be with him anyway.

If this situation doesn't sound oddly familiar, you could have been faced with the "On-Call Boyfriend."

The "On-Call Boyfriend" is the type of guy who thinks that the key to a successful relationship is distance and tawdry sex. While you grew up hoping to have a love just like Ariel and Prince Eric, he thought that Nicolas Cage and Patricia Arquette had the real secret to relationship success by living in separate houses. Basically, he wants to sleep with you on a consistent basis but he doesn't want to

have to be with you. Either that, or he wants to sleep with you but doesn't want to lose the opportunity to sleep with other girls either.

The thing about guys who say that they don't want to lead you on is that they're doing just that but don't want you to know it so that they don't have to take any responsibility for it. Best thing to do? Let him tell other girls that he doesn't want to lead them on.

Shayna Jacobs
News Editor

To interpret the transparent language, spoken exclusively by the male gender, a girl must first establish one fact — most statements front for truths that they don't have the (insert appropriate male genitalia term here) to say outright.

"I don't want to lead you

on" could therefore mean almost anything ranging from, "You have a certain glaring physical or emotional attribute which makes any association with you impossible to stomach," to

(the kicker of all true meanings), "I'm married but last night was a good time and I wish we could have done it again."

Let's assume he's not married. The national divorce rate according to the latest census report is in your favor after all. In this case, be on baby's mama lookout. Baby's mamas

are not only bitter that he's never around for diaper duty or for a night off so she can hit up the club or go out with her girls, but she's vengeful toward you, his new woman, for taking up her ex-man's time and crushing her hopes of having a post-partum social life.

If your physical or emotional flaws exhibit such prominence that you're classified as "undatable" by the said male subject, you might want to take it as an opportunity to make some personal adjustments.

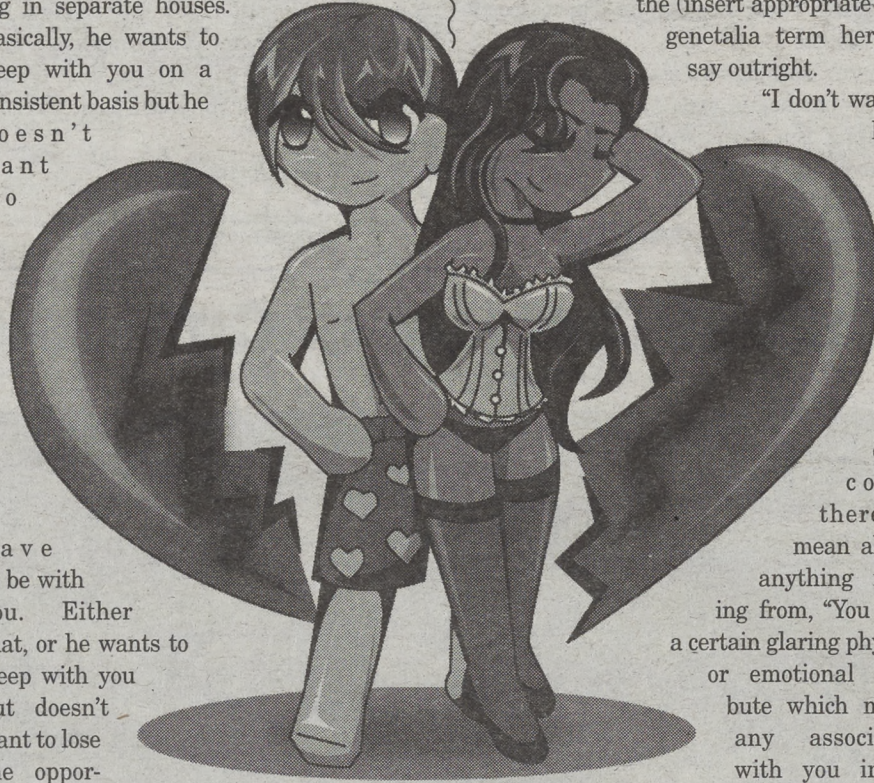
Always shave your legs and other body parts for which hairiness is socially unacceptable. Brush your teeth and carry Listerine strips for after-coffee close-up moments. Shower regularly, for the love of (insert applicable higher being's title here) and pay close attention to your most intimate areas.

For the emotionally unstable female, "I don't want to lead you on," might translate to, "I already have a crazy woman in my life. I call her mom."

Essentially, regardless of whatever your major malfunction may be, the guy is telling you he doesn't like you and no longer wants to continue in the direction your "whatever it was" was headed. There could just as easily be something wrong with him. I'll write a novel explaining the possibilities one day. It's time to move on, and if it still stings, start spreading nasty rumors and passing on incriminating information to his next romantic prospect.

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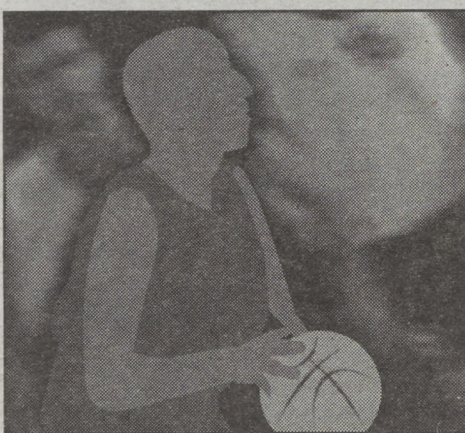
SHE SAID



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shot. Then he missed his second shot. Sad, but what would you expect from the team's manager who spent the last three seasons picking up towels, filling water bottles and cutting up oranges?

Jason wasn't trying to inspire anyone. He was just doing his job as well as he could. Teammates kept passing the ball to Jason and he kept shooting. And finally, the kid got his basket. The fans went even wilder. But then something magical happened — he got another basket and then another and another! In less than four minutes, Jason sank six three-pointers and one two-pointer. Jason scored 20 points. In his first and only varsity game, Jason was the high scorer!

Jason wasn't trying to inspire anyone. He was just doing his job as well as he could. What makes this story even more inspiring is that Jason stands only 5'6" tall and he's a spe-

cial education student. Jason is autistic. But when his time came and he got his chance to play, he scored 20 points in less than four minutes. The kid played like Michael Jordan.

How was he able to do that? He was able to play like Michael Jordan because there has always been a basketball superstar inside Jason McElwain.

Now here's the most inspiring part of this story. It has nothing to do with Jason; it has everything to do with you! Jason just proved what's always been true. There's a great athlete, a great student, a great writer, a great actor, a great whatever it is you want already inside of you, too. There's a superman or superwoman already inside you. You are not lacking potential. Just because you've never tapped into it doesn't mean the potential isn't there.

Are you doubting yourself and thinking that what's written in that last paragraph can't possibly be true? Don't. Do not doubt your potential. Never doubt your potential. Whether you tap into it or not, the potential is still there. But if you must doubt something, doubt this: doubt your limitations!

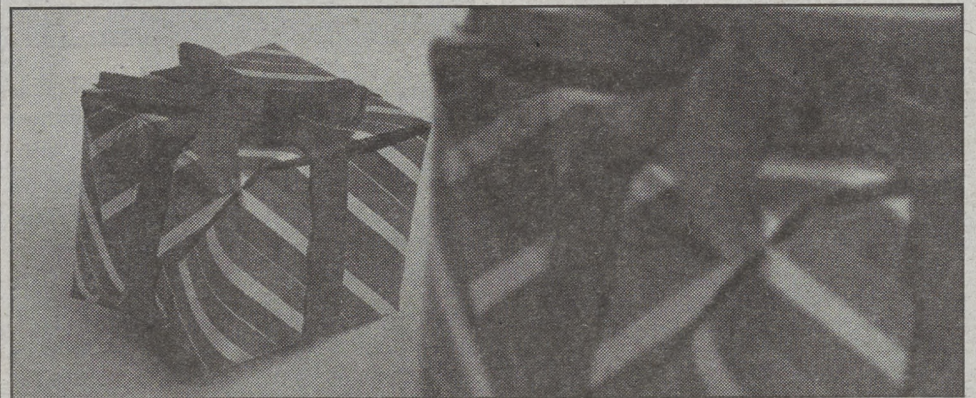
It's extraordinary how extraordinary the ordinary person is.

— George Will, journalist

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HOLIDAY IDEAS

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or recently completing an exhausting sports season). Massage therapy provides numerous health benefits for athletes and non-athletes. Instead of buying someone clothes, try something unique like a massage gift certificate, available at local health clubs and area spas and salons. To find a reputable licensed and/or certified massage therapist, check with chiropractors, hospitals and sports medical facilities besides health clubs and Y's. And while purchasing a massage gift certificate for someone else, do yourself a favor and treat yourself to a relaxing massage, too!

• **A Skin Care Basket.** With the cold wintry air ahead, chapped lips and dry skin are inevitable. A basket or package of skin moisturizing lotions and other skin care products makes a fine gift for this time of year. You can make your own basket, packaging bought lotions individually, or purchase already packaged skin care gifts at department stores and

specialty shops. Spas and salons may also carry these products for sale.

• **Fruit Baskets.** Eating more nutritious foods may be another priority after the holidays, and a fruit basket makes a wonderful gift for those starting those New Year's Day resolutions. The baskets are not only filled with seasonal fruit, but an assortment of cheeses, nuts and chocolates may be included. Local supermarkets may custom-make such baskets, or check the yellow pages in the phone book for distributors.

• **Sports Lessons.** Not just for the athlete in the family, but for anyone trying to stay in shape or drop those holiday pounds, another healthful gift idea are packaged lessons for sports, such as tennis, golf, baseball, swimming and skiing, for example.

These are a few healthy gift ideas that can really make an impression instead of the typical holiday and birthday gifts.

PAGANISM

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Many of the decorations associated with Christmas were originally used by pagans for spiritual reasons before Christianity became mainstream.

Christian father and son, to Jesus as the son of God.

The cycle the god and goddess go through are followed by what is called the "Wheel of the Year," representing the cycle of the year in general. Originally, it was represented in the Celtic planting and harvesting holidays, which are based on the cycle of the sun and the length of the day as the year goes on.

The reborn god starts his cycle again at Yule; thus, the wheel is part of the celebration of this holiday as well. Hanging a wreath in the home is a physical representation of this wheel.

The wreath is traditionally made of evergreen boughs and/or holly. Holly and pine branches are also traditionally draped over doorways and across fireplace mantels. These evergreens are a representation of ongoing fertility and are used in the home in the hope of spring's return, according to Ellen Dugan

in her book *Elements of Witchcraft*.

Pine and holly specifically were used by pagans for their magical properties. In Dugan's book, she explains that holly helps to bring healing and protection into the home, as well as fostering clairvoyance, while pine invokes warm friendship, prosperity and protection for the home.

Perhaps the most famous Christmas custom is the Christmas tree. Pagans would bring a tree into their homes to be the center of their celebrations. They decorated it with candles; garlands made of dried rosebuds, cinnamon sticks, popcorn and cranberries; bags of fragrant spices, often ones with magical properties of prosperity and protection like cloves and chives; and apples, oranges and lemons hung on the branches, according to *Elements of Witchcraft*.

These decorations evolved into the ornaments used today. Indeed, pagans would use

ornaments on their trees that were special to them, and Christians do the same today on their own trees. They may use glass spheres and PVC garlands, but the idea is the same.

Even the practice of giving gifts at this time was initially a pagan idea. Pagans choose this time, as this is the time the goddess gives them the gift of the god, and giving gifts to the ones they love symbolizes this. Some pagans even celebrate the renewal of the wheel by giving one special, small gift to the person next to them in a circle.

Though the holiday is referred to as Christmas, many of the customs observed on that day are actually pagan customs. They were brought into the Christian religion, and have now become ubiquitous among Christians, who may not realize that hanging mistletoe to kiss under was originally a Druid practice, until the missionaries made it a Christmas custom to encourage conversion.

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You're in the middle of some hot, passionate intercourse, when out of nowhere you let a huge one rip. Should you try to just ignore it and pretend it didn't happen? Perhaps cover it up with some moaning and grunting? Or should you just say "whoops!" and call safety before they nail you with a doorknob and run away in disgust.

7. Leaving a Hickey on Their Face

... Or any other very visible area. You have to hang your head in shame whenever you hear somebody else ask them "What happened there?" The worst will be when their parents ask about it, concerned that your significant other may have a disease.

8. Finding Out They Broke Up With You on Facebook/MySpace/text message!

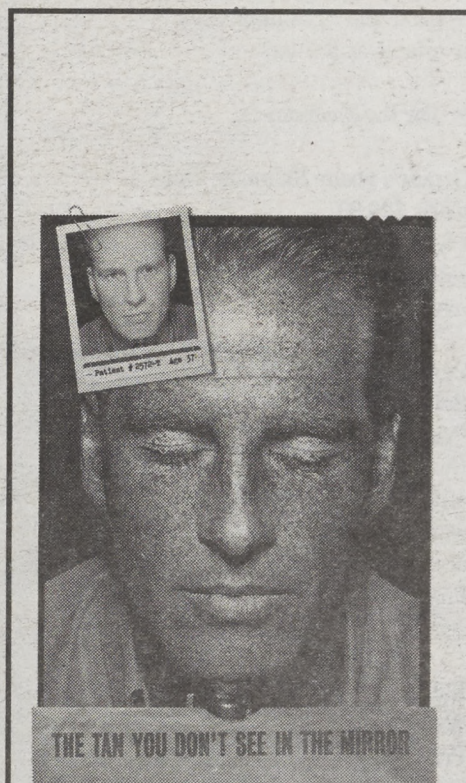
Imagine waking up and finding "single" next to your significant other's relationship status. These are the most popular ways to break up with somebody nowadays. But look at it this way — at least they're not like the Amazonians who set their wives' huts on fire when the wife was no longer wanted. Usually, the wife would be out of the hut.

9. Meeting Their Parents

If you're going out for long enough, the time will come when you finally have to meet the in-laws. Chances are you'll be so nervous that it makes you more prone to say something stupid, especially when you express your passionate hatred toward the political party that they support. If your experience is anything like Gaylord Focker's, you're in for a pretty awkward time. Just play it cool and be yourself. Most importantly — don't lie to make them like you.

10. Finding Out They Believe In Mermaids

... Or any other wierd fantasy or fetish. We all have our little quirks, so try to be understanding. But if it really bothers you that much, get out before it's too late. You don't want to get involved in some weird cult.



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Shopping For the Varied People in Life

No Matter Who is on Your Gift List, You Can Find Something for Everyone

Alicia Fegghi
Staff Writer

With the holidays soon approaching, many shoppers are checking off their naughty or nice list at the mall and other shopping centers. For those who can't find the perfect gift, here are a few suggestions for the special someone in your life.

• **For the Student:**

Sony AM/FM Dual-Alarm Clock Radio – silver (ICFC180)
Price: \$24.99

Description: Wake up to a customizable alarm, snooze and nap times. The green LCD display is easy to read even through the worst hang-over or from pulling an all-nighter.
Available at Best Buy

SanDisk- Cruzer Micro 1GB USB 2.0 Flash Drive – black (SDCZ6-1024-A10)
Price: \$19.99

Description: Carry all your work literally in your pocket! High-speed USB 2.0 interface for fast data transfer, retractable USB connector, U3 smart enabled and PC and Mac compatible
Available at Best Buy

Jeffrey Gitomer's Little Black Book of Connections: The 5.5 Assets That Get You from Who You Know, to Who Knows You by Jeffrey Gitomer
Price: \$19.95

Description: This is the basic book about how to build stronger relationships with customers, bosses, co-workers, vendors, friends and family. It's about how to say the right things to the right people in the right circumstances to make the right impression.
Available at Borders

• **For the Fashionista:**

Candie's Poshy Skimmer Flats
Price: \$26.99

Description: Features a sleek rounded toe with a fashionable knotted accent on top.
Available at Kohl's

Candie's Skinny Jeans with Coin-Buckle Belt
Price: \$33.60

Description: Features a black wash that visually slims curves, a cut that sits below the waistline, back pocket embroidery and a coin-accented buckle belt. They're made with a hint of stretch for even more figure flattery.
Available at Kohl's

Baby Phat Black IP Square Statements Watch
Price: \$75

Description: This thick yet lightweight watch features a black dial with silver Baby Phat logo.
Available at Macy's

• **For the Beauty Queen:**

Houndstooth Ivy Cap
Price: \$9.99

Description: Remember style from head to toe includes this fashionable hat!
Available at Target

Sonia Kashuk Compact Stairway to Stardom Make-Up Kit
Price: \$14.99

Description: Get a star-worthy glow from dusk until dawn with this three-tiered case featuring a versatile collection of gorgeous neutral hues. Includes three eye shadows, one blush and three lip glosses, lip brush, eye shadow applicator and blush brush.

Available at Target

Glamour's Big Book of Dos and Don'ts: Fashion Help for Every Woman
by Cindi Leive and the editors of Glamour
Price: \$25

Description: More than 750 on-the-street and celebrity dos and don'ts, 94 illustrations showing you how to dress for your body type, 12 makeovers to learn from and advice on what to wear and what not to.
Available at Borders

• **For the Stylish Guy:**

Pinstripe Fedora
Price: \$12.74

Description: Stand out from the crowd with this signature men's hat from the second half of the 20th century.
Available at Target

DKNY Jeans Full-Zip Ribbed Sweater
Price: \$49.99

Description: Ideal for layering, this zip-front sweater doubles as a lightweight jacket. Ribbed knit cotton. Mock collar with contrast stripe on interior of collar.
Available at Macy's

American Rag Back Flap Pocket Premium Boot-Cut Jean
Price: \$49.50

Description: Dark crosshatch wash with abrasions. Five-pocket styling with back button-flap pockets. Cotton.
Available at Macy's

• **For the Partier:**

Shot Glass Checkerboard Set
Price: \$19.99

Description: Spice up any adult party with a lively game of drinking checkers. Includes a checkerboard and 13 clear and 13 frosted shot glasses.
Available at Target

Pong Drinking Game 18 Piece Set
Price: \$19.99

Description: This drinking game is a fun addition to any adult party, especially 21st birthdays. Includes 12 glasses, two racks and four plastic ping-pong balls.
Available at Target

• **For the Computer Geek:**

Belkin Wireless RF Mouse and Keyboard Bundle (F8E815-BNDL)
Price: \$49.99

Description: Digital radio frequency technology, keyboard and mouse work from up to six feet away from the receiver, keyboard with nine multimedia and internet access keys and integrated wrist rest.
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Linksys Wireless-G Broadband Router with SpeedBooster Technology (WRT54GS)
Price: \$69.99

Description: Easily move files between PCs in your network. Access wireless Internet from multiple PCs through the same network. Quicker downloading time!
Available at Circuit City

GE EasyCam PC Camera (H098063)
Price: \$19.99

Description: Use this webcam to get famous on YouTube.
Available at Target

• **For the Interior Designer:**

Victoria Hagan Star Leaf Mirror

Price: \$31.99

Description: Mirror is encircled by a wreath of leaf shapes. Frame is antiqued brass metal with a wood composite backing.
Available at Target

Metro Sweetwater Stripe Decorative Pillow
Price: \$24.99

Description: Features a modern black and white motif Cotton, feather fill.
Available at Target

Feng Shui Candle Set Five Pack
Price: \$12.99

Description: Improve your living environment with Feng Shui candles. Includes five different soothing fragrances.
Available at Target

• **For the Rock Star:**

Apple iPod Shuffle 1GB MP3 Player – silver (MA565LL/A)
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Description: Aluminum case with rounded edges stands up to wear and tear, built-in clip easily attaches to a belt loop, lapel, pocket or bag so your shuffle goes where you go. Supports MP3, MP3 VBR, Audible, AAC, Protected AAC, WAV and AIFF formats. PC and Mac compatible.
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U2- U218 Singles

Price: \$13.99
Description: Rock out to U2's hottest songs to date.
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• **For the Bookworm:**

For One More Day by Mitch Albom
Price: \$15.36

Description: It's about a mother and son and a relationship that covers a lifetime and beyond. It explores the question: What would you do if you could spend one more day with a lost loved one?
Available at Borders

Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything by Stephen Dubner & Steven Levitt
Price: \$22.36

Description: The authors explore the hidden side of everything, such as the inner workings of a crack gang and the secrets of the Ku Klux Klan.
Available at Borders

• **For the Organizer:**

Martha Stewart's Homekeeping Handbook: The Essential Guide to Caring for Everything in Your Home
Price: \$45

Description: This comprehensive book is the only one you will need to help you keep your home looking its best, floor to ceiling, room by room. Chapters: "Room by Room," "Throughout the House," "Comfort and Safety" and "A-to-Z Materials Guide."
Available

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• **For the Crafty Artist:**

101 Crafts Under \$10: Easy-to-Make Ideas for Gifts and Home by Butterick Publishing, E Butterick and Company
Price: \$14.95

Description: Make 101 gifts for birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas, graduation day and more for less than \$10!

Mega Art Set
Price: \$24.99

Description: 258 pieces of art utensils to create masterpieces.
Available at A.C. Moore

• **For the Photographer:**

Making Memories Photo Wreath
Price: \$24.99

Description: Personalize your home décor with cherished photos. Faux-berry wreath includes one yard of ribbon, three frame templates and eight patterned papers.
Available at Target

• **For the Chef:**

Tools of the Trade Collections Silicone 10 Piece Cookware Set
Price: \$59.99

Description: This set is perfect for the beginner or novice chef! Nonstick interior and glass lids. Includes 1-qt. and 2-qt. covered saucepans, 5-qt covered Dutch oven, 2-qt. steamer insert, 8" frying pan and 10" covered frying pan. In red or graphite.
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Nostalgia Electrics Retro Popcorn Maker
Price: \$29.99

Description: Watch the latest flick with the best air-popped pop corn! Uses hot air, not oil.
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All items are available for purchase both in store and on the store's Web site. Prices range from \$9.99-\$79.99. Prices effective as of 12/3/06.

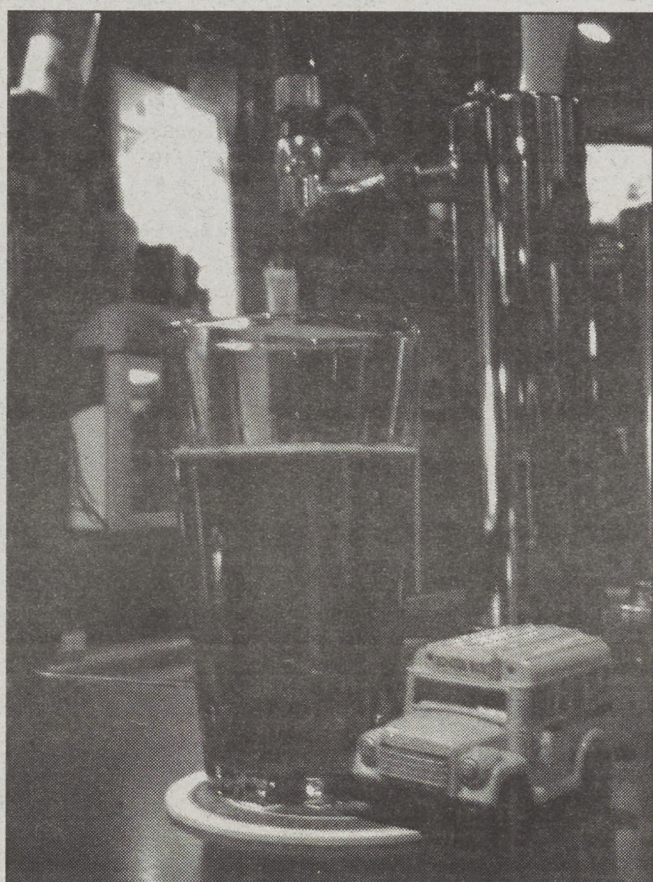


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Spilling Stuff and Breaking Things

December 7-9 • 7:30 PM
December 10 • 2:00 PM

TICKETS: \$10

A special addition to our season is a quirky new play in development from Senior BFA Acting major Ben Clawson. The play follows the journey of four bus drivers who borrow a school bus for a night on the town. Clawson's hilarious comedy of wits is an exploration of friendship, loyalty and self-worth. Clawson won the American College Theatre Festival one-act play festival and was selected to compete at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Written by:
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MSU Symphony

December 8 • 7:30 PM

This all Russian evening features Sergei Prokofiev's *Third Piano Concerto* and Piotr Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 4*.

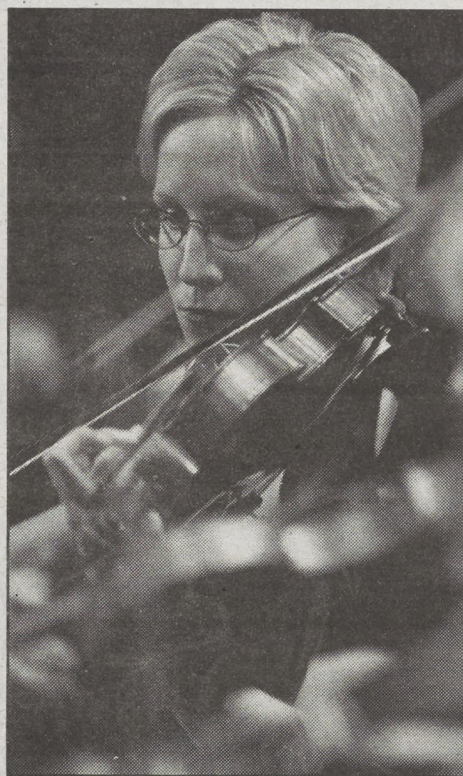
TICKETS: \$15

MSU Band & Wind Symphony

December 13 • 7:30 PM

TICKETS: \$15

The MSU Symphonic Band and Wind Symphony perform their first semi-annual concert under new director Thomas MacCauley entitled *The Wind Reels of Your Mind*. Featured selections will include *Piece of Mind* by Dana Wilson, *Sussex Mummers' Christmas Carol* by Percy Grainger and *The Hanover Festival Overture* by Philip Sparke.



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ON THE GREAT WHITE WAY:



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Wendla (Lea Michele) and Melchior (Jonathan Groff) sharing an intimate moment in a hay loft in the critically-acclaimed new Broadway musical from pop composer Duncan Shiek called *Spring Awakening*.

Spring Awakens Broadway Audiences

Peter Schaus
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Spring Awakening

Dir: Michael Mayer
Starring: Jonathan Groff,
Stephen Spinella & Christine
Eubank
★★★★★



Any student planning to see *Spring Awakening* with their parents as part of a New York City family field trip this holiday season might want to think twice before making their final decision. *Tarzan* it isn't; in fact, the only vine that gets ridden in *Spring Awakening* is by the lead actress at the end of Act One.

This is not to say that *Spring Awakening* is a bad show; it's far from it, actually. It just seems strange that the best new musical on Broadway this season includes a production number that revolves around one of the supporting characters sitting center stage and masturbating under his nightshirt.

Spring Awakening is the musical adaptation of German playwright Frank Wedekind's disturbing and controversial 1891 play about teenagers dealing with the struggle of a repressed adolescence.

It tells the story of Melchior Gabor (Jonathan Groff), a radical student who questions the presence of God and writes a very racy essay about the art of seduction that forces his friend Moritz Stiefel (John Gallagher, Jr.), the depressed and awkward black sheep of their school, to see the world

in a completely new light.

Their restrictive environment teaches them little to nothing about sexuality, so after an intimate night in a hayloft, Moritz and his lover Wendla Bergmann (Lea Michele) are surprised to discover she's with child.

While all of the topics covered in Wedekind's original text and the new adaptation still have resonance in today's society, the difficulty of adapting a play that was groundbreaking back in the 19th century is not lost on this production of *Spring Awakening*.

The taboo issues that the original play addressed, such as burgeoning sexuality, suicidal tendencies, child

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AT THE KASSER THEATER:

Little Distance from Suburban Dissatisfaction

David Clarke
Staff Writer

The Distance from Here

Dir: Susan Kerner
Starring: Tim Hackney,
Ari Frenkel & Jenna Pasqua
★★★★★



Playwright Neil LaBute revels in human misery. To make it all worse, his plays carry a mean streak: characters that knowingly commit horrible acts to other characters. In *The Distance From Here*, LaBute analyzes the emotional emptiness of teenagers in the suburbs.

Seventeen-year-old Darrell (Tim Hackney) and his friend Tim (Ari Frenkel) are suburban teenagers whose lives hit a dead end at conception. They open the play at the zoo, making fun of the monkeys. Seconds later, when we see Tim picking at ants on his legs, it's pretty clear who the real monkeys are.

The two friends do little more than hang around places, nihilistically discussing



courtesy of montclair.edu

Darrell (Tim Hackney) and Tim (Ari Frenkel) face the ramifications of a lifetime of emotional neglect in Neil LaBute's *The Distance from Here* at Kasser.

aspects of their lives. Darrell is the clear dominant personality, telling Tim what to do and when to do it. It's made abundantly clear from the start that these two guys are going nowhere in their lives.

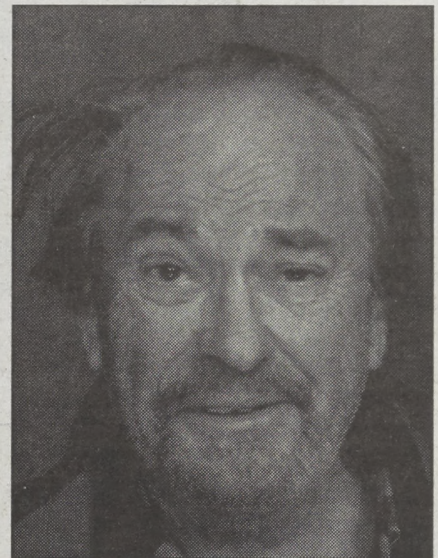
The emotional emptiness of Darrell is explained when we meet his emotionally

empty parents.

His mother has an alarmingly unhealthy relationship with her boyfriend (played with lively conviction by Stephani Aguilar and Stephen

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Rip Gets Ripped



courtesy of TMZ.com

Karl de Vries
Editor-in-Chief

Actor Rip Torn, of *Dodgeball* and *Men in Black* fame, was charged with Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) in North Salem, NY last week, according to celebrity news outlet TMZ.com.

The 75-year-old actor was charged with the same offense back in January 2004, in which he crashed his car into a taxi. Thanks to the police (and the magic of the internet), we have been provided with this supposed mug shot of him, which allows a visual representation of his condition around the time of his arrest.

The image speaks for itself: hair streaked over to his right, his eyes completely bloodshot and a bizarre, contorted smile on his face. Is he smiling? Is he grimacing? Has drinking eroded the white blood cells of his sanity? Who knows.

Apparently, Rip declined to take a blood-alcohol test when asked to take one by police. What was he hoping to hide? I may not be a doctor, nor do I hold any degrees in criminal psychology, but I can tell you after careful consideration of this photograph, the condition of Mr. Torn that evening: he was fairly [expletive-deleted]-faced.

Rip Torn is an interesting name in that it is, in my unpolished estimation, probably the only occurrence of those two words being put together for the purposes of identity in the world at this time.

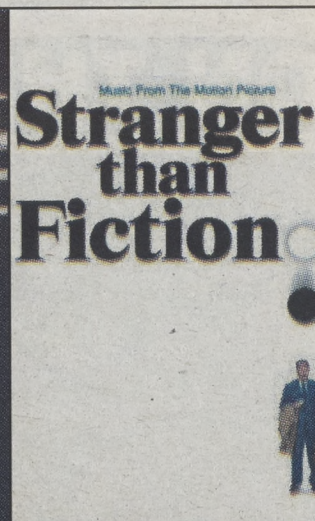
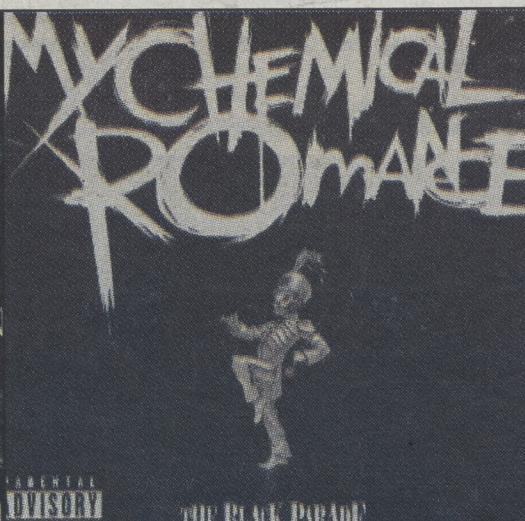
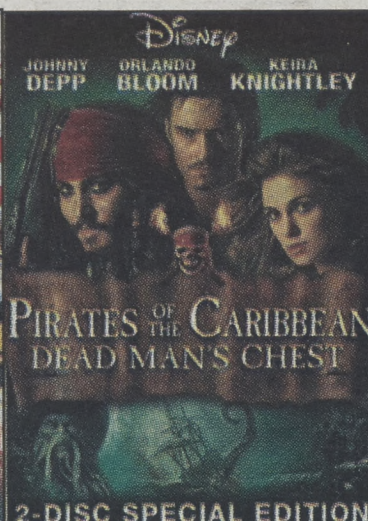
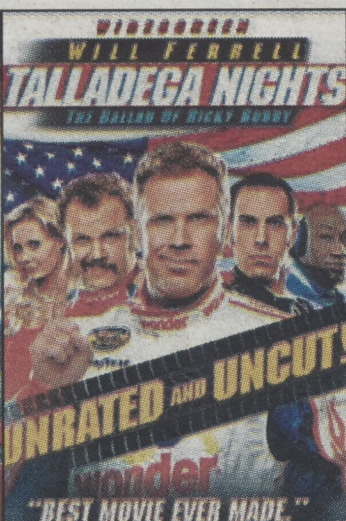
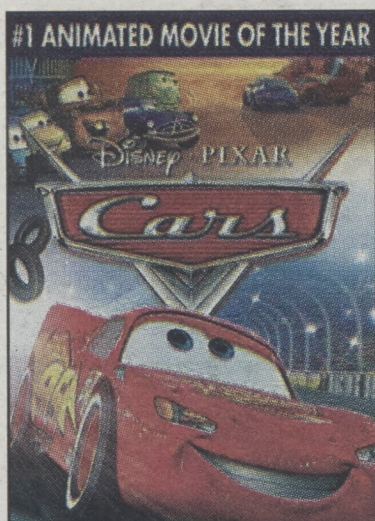
For that matter, he's probably the only Rip Torn to have ever existed in the history of the human race. And because the body can tolerate the drinking of only so many bottles of Mad Dog, it's conceivable that these years may be the last ones to see the words Rip Torn refer to something other than worn Levi's.

All men die; sometimes it happens at a young age, sometimes an old age. Often, it happens when enough alcohol abuse has swelled someone's liver to the size of a turkey.

We all wish you luck Rip; after all, who's going to be there to ask out loud if it's necessary for a man to drink his own urine? Or refer to a collection of computer-generated aliens as a bunch of "sorry little ingrates" because they're stealing all the cigarettes?

Get well soon Rip, and always beware of the first rule of celebrity justice: keep the anti-Semitic remarks to a minimum.

ENTERTAINER OF THE WEEK: RIP TORN



Top Ten Gift Ideas for Chrismukkwanzaa

Bernadette Marciniak
Assistant Copy Editor

With the holiday season in full gear, many are stumped about what gifts to get their friends and family. I've created a list of 10 hot things on the market right now that are sure to make great presents.

Cars. I know what you're thinking – here comes another chance for Disney and Pixar to try to make up for their lack of originality and fun storyline. It seems like the ultimate movie to which soccer moms will drag their little boys.

However, viewers will be blown away when they come to see that this is not what this movie is all about. It actually has a storyline that isn't overplayed or makes you want to roll your eyes in haste. It's a really great movie that audiences young and old can enjoy.

Talladega Nights. For all those traditional Will Ferrell fans, *Talladega Nights* is your call this year. If you know someone who loves Nascar or Will Ferrell (or both!), you can't go wrong with this movie. It's funny Ferrell material the whole way through, and it comes out on DVD just in time for the holiday season.

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest. This one is for all the hardcore Jack Sparrow fans at heart, the one sequel they will not want to miss. Assuming that they didn't go out and buy it already, *Pirates* is the ultimate gift to give this holiday season. Even if *Pirates* isn't their cup of tea, they will find it hard to be disappointed after seeing Mr. Will Turner being oh so sexy.

My Chemical Romance: The Black Parade. MCR's newest, and unbeatably best, album yet is another great gift idea to use for under the tree (or menorah). It may seem like a great gift to hand to an emo kid and watch them slit their wrists to, but this album is so much different than their two previous ones. Even though the main overtone of this CD is death, the melodies that are influenced by favorite '70s classic rock artists, such as Queen and Alice Cooper, are anything but deathly.

Stranger Than Fiction: Music from the Motion Picture. This soundtrack is probably the most original and fresh sounding one

you can get this season. I can guarantee you that you can give this soundtrack to anyone and have them find it extremely unique and interesting. It's easy to fall in love with since it's like nothing that's out on the Billboard Top 100 today.

The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess. For anyone you know who has already gone out and purchased the hyped-up Nintendo Wii video game system, this game is a classic and keeps up with its reputation of being part of the greatest game series ever.

Despite the lack of visual stimulation, as it follows the same path as GameCube's *Zelda* game, the game's precision and ability to never let the player predict what will happen next dominates over the petty visual screwups.

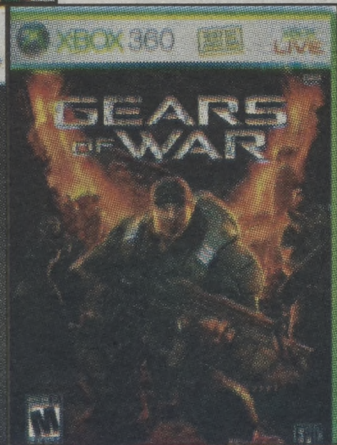
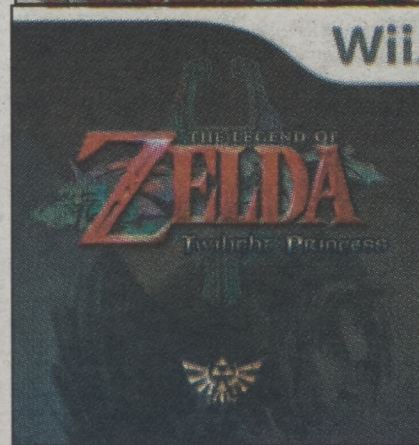
Gears of War for Xbox 360. Although it's not *Halo 3*, it's the closest thing Xbox fans will get this season. Thus far, it is the best looking, best sounding and most fun game for the 360. It only took them a year to get it out.

Microsoft Zune. For those of us with some extra cash they don't mind spending this holiday season, Microsoft's new digital mp3 and video player is hot on the market. Released alongside Microsoft's new operating system, the Zune has one special quality that other players do not – squirting.

Since the Zune comes built in with WiFi, you can send and receive songs from someone standing 10 feet away from you who also has a Zune. Despite the quirks that are associated with this feature (copyright laws prevented Microsoft from keeping the songs permanently on one's Zune – they dry up in three days) the iPod will have some stiff competition this holiday season.

Excalibur: The New York Times Touch Screen Sudoku. Since Sudoku has undoubtedly become the most popular puzzle game since crossword puzzles, Sudoku fans far and wide will appreciate this mobile gift. With 835 puzzles and four different levels, this gift will definitely give the receiver something to do until next year rolls around.

Totally 80s Trivial Pursuit Board Game. The most outrageous decade is now your favorite board game! Trivial Pursuit fans will love this addition to their collection. Totally rad!



Tenacious D Rocks Out at Tweeter Center

Christina Reynier
Staff Writer

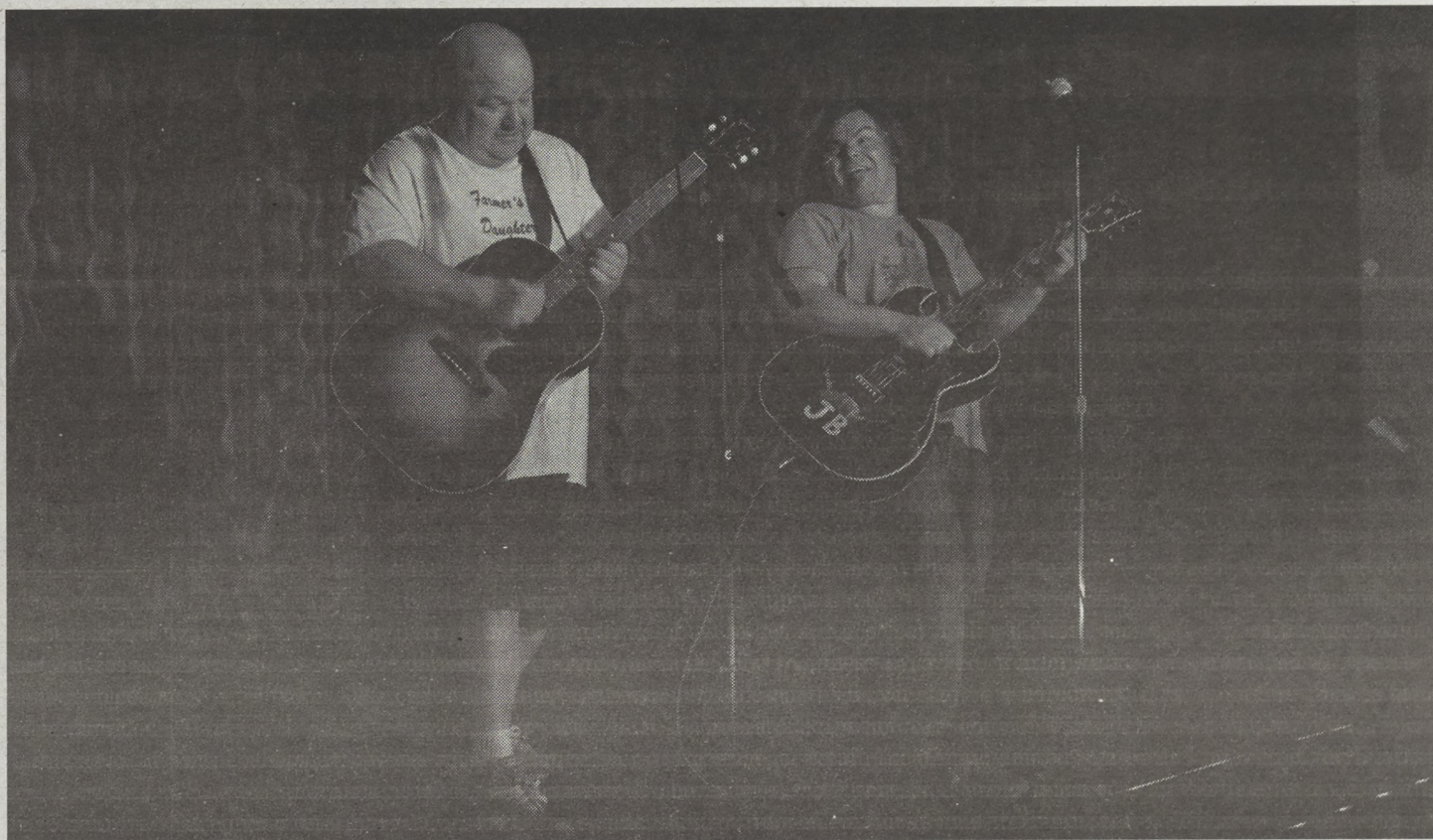
What do music-lovers get when they put together two heavyset men who cherish explicit lyrics, extreme guitar solos and have a serious admiration for sex, drugs and rock and roll? Well, they get Tenacious D, of course!

That is exactly what New Jersey was in for when Jack Black and Kyle Gass of Tenacious D took the stage at Camden's Tweeter Center on Wednesday night, Nov. 29. Jack Black, who is best known for such films as *School of Rock* and *Orange County*, started Tenacious D with fellow bandmate Kyle Gass in the early 1990s. It was not until their self-titled HBO television series in 1999 that they gained popularity and labeled themselves "The D" and the "Greatest Band on Earth."

People quickly took to the band and began to follow their moves religiously. When Tenacious D took the stage on Wednesday night, they needed no introduction. Every person there was anticipating this event for a long time, considering they do not tour often.

"The D" came out with a contented grin and immediately got to playing. The set looked like an exact replica of Kyle Gass's apartment from their movie currently in theaters, *Tenacious D in The Pick of Destiny*, even equipped with a working (and used) bong.

"The D" started off their set with a classic song titled "Kielbasa" and continued with newly released numbers like "Kickapoo," "Dude (I Totally Miss You)" and "Beelzeboss (The Final Showdown)," of course not leaving behind such beloved classics as "Kyle Quit The Band," "Explosivo" and "Wonderboy."



courtesy of Tenacious D

Kyle Gass (left) and Jack Black (right) originated the band Tenacious D in the early '90s before channelling it into the basis for an HBO series and just-released feature film *Tenacious D in The Pick of Destiny*.

This concert was not just a singing expo but more of a play acted out in musical notes and melodies. They went through different songs, while Black paused in between numbers to prove his live acting abilities and show the well-known elasticity of his face, body and, surprisingly enough, voice.

Gass did not just sit back and enjoy the ride, for he would every so often bust out with a crazy guitar solo and make the crowd go wild. The band acted out full scenes from their new motion picture, such as the final


scene from the movie titled "Beelzeboss (The Final Showdown)," which included bandmates dressed as The Antichrist, Charlie Chaplin and Colonel Sanders.

The show also featured a popular guest, Lee, who is famous among Tenacious D fans. After all the glitz and glam of their performance, the band left the stage while some fans were disappointed not hearing a few true classics that are mandatory at every Tenacious D appearance.

Not to fret, "The D" appeared once more

for a truly rocking encore, playing the hits "F*ck Her Gently" and, of course, "Tribute." Tenacious D works hard to certify that they are not just a band made of some actor and his friend who want to joke around and play music.

They show themselves and everyone else who dares to cross their kick-ass path that they are out to conquer a mission, and that mission is to rock. Tenacious D proves that if any music buff is in dire need of a dose of superior rock and roll, they are your men.



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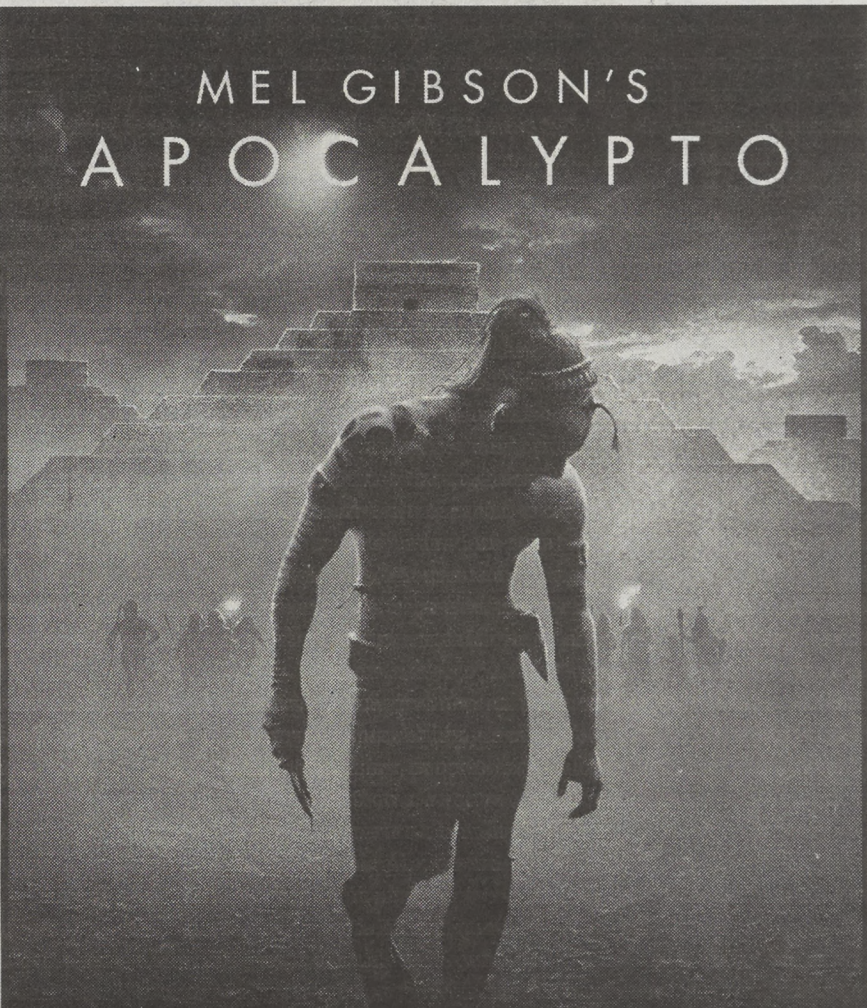
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abuse, teenage pregnancy and homosexual yearnings, have now become such common fare in popular culture that the show could have easily turned into a musicalized Lifetime movie. Though the second act tends to be a little ham-fisted and melodramatic, the quality of the work onstage beforehand far outshines the relatively weak ending.

What elevated this production to a much higher level is the contemporary rock score by recording artist Duncan Shiek and lyricist/book author Steven Sater. Not only are the songs some of musical theater's best since *Rent's* debut back in 1996, but rock music has always been indicative of the adolescent experience.

Its driving force and explosive sound has helped teenagers to unleash much of their repressed angst and hormonal urges ever since Elvis first shocked audiences with his pelvic thrusting swagger and bombastic voice on national television back in the 1950s.

The score helps the story from becoming trite and takes us along for the very enjoyable ride, even if we can spot many of the characters' next steps from a mile away.

The performances of the young cast, most

of whom have very little stage experience, are spot-on and show promise of great things to come. However, it is the performances of seasoned veterans Stephen Spinella and Christine Estabrook that give the show much of its needed emotional strength.

The decision to have two people play all the male and female authority figures was interesting and well done on the part of the creative team, as it is the male and female archetypes that have driven the young characters to seek out a more tragic fate.

In the hands of lesser actors, Spinella and Estabrook's roles could be seen as solely tyrannical and unsympathetic, but their ignorance and best interest makes it a three-dimensional portrait worthy of the piece.

There's a threat of death looming over the Great White Way. The traditional book musical has almost been wiped out while shows given the Frankenstein treatment and patched together from the songs of popular artists do nothing to disprove the claim that art on Broadway is all but dead.

However, with *Spring Awakening*, the American musical gets a much-needed jolt of life support.



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Melchior (Jonathan Groff, standing) and Georg (Skylar Astin, backdrop) singing about the "bitch of living" in the new Broadway musical *Spring Awakening*.

Dunphy Show at Calcia

Peter Schaus

Arts & Entertainment Editor

On Monday, Dec. 4, art major Kevin Dunphy premiered a collection of his work in Gallery 3.5 on the second floor of Calcia Hall at Montclair State University. Dunphy, a second semester senior graduating this December, threw an opening party for a group of curious art fans who found themselves pleased with his energized choice of colors and vibrant imagery.

While many artists choose to shroud their work in darkness and pretense, Dunphy's more positive approach was a welcome change for artgoers. This isn't to say that the work of the artist is superficial: far from it, actually.

Dunphy notes, "I like to incorporate lots of meaning and inspiration in my work. Every piece is about someone I know or something I've done."

This is of special note in the case of "Lover's Concerto," which is an ode to Dunphy's friend Jeff's mom who passed away this year. There is a wonderful sense of love and honor in the painting rather than grief and misery.

One of the strongest aspects of Dunphy's show was the variety of his pieces. Dunphy commented on this by saying "It is important to be well-versed in various mediums. I've used oils, acrylics, watercolors and screen-prints." There are several classic canvas paintings, such as "Lover's Concerto," as well as inventive new installations like one piece that features a rapper painted on the face of a vinyl album.

Some of Dunphy's best work are his illustrations. With a strong use of color and dash of humor, many of Dunphy's illustrations have a comic sensibility and are the most entertaining of the collection.

Dunphy's pieces will remain in Gallery 3.5 until Dec. 14.

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Medvidick), whose idea of a father-son moment is showing off a tattoo that counts the amount of kills made in Kuwait.

His young half-sister (an excellent Jenna Pasqua), spends most of her time watching television, while her offstage babies' crying plays as a constantly underscored soundtrack to the lives of his family, as well as the sounds and light from a television that is always on, acting as the only stable force in the lives of this family.

When Darrell feels suddenly like Tim and his girlfriend (Samantha Stanley) have betrayed his trust, the results come in a fast, disturbing burst of violence.

Director Susan Kerner does a fine job staging the show, and the way the actors move through space is both realistic and functional. The gaps between scenes are filled up with mid-90s grunge hits, which both fills in the empty spaces and adds to the sense of time and place that *The Distance From Here* captures.

The dialogue brings LaBute's play to life. The mantra of almost all the characters, "whatever," acts almost as a period. When these characters don't know how to finish a sentence, they throw on a "whatever," making even more clear that we're in the '90s.

The entire cast has an excellent, albeit bizarre and unhealthy, chemistry with each other. They manage to walk the fine line

between alienation and character interaction. The smaller roles are filled out well, and become as fleshed out and a part of the play's world as the main characters.

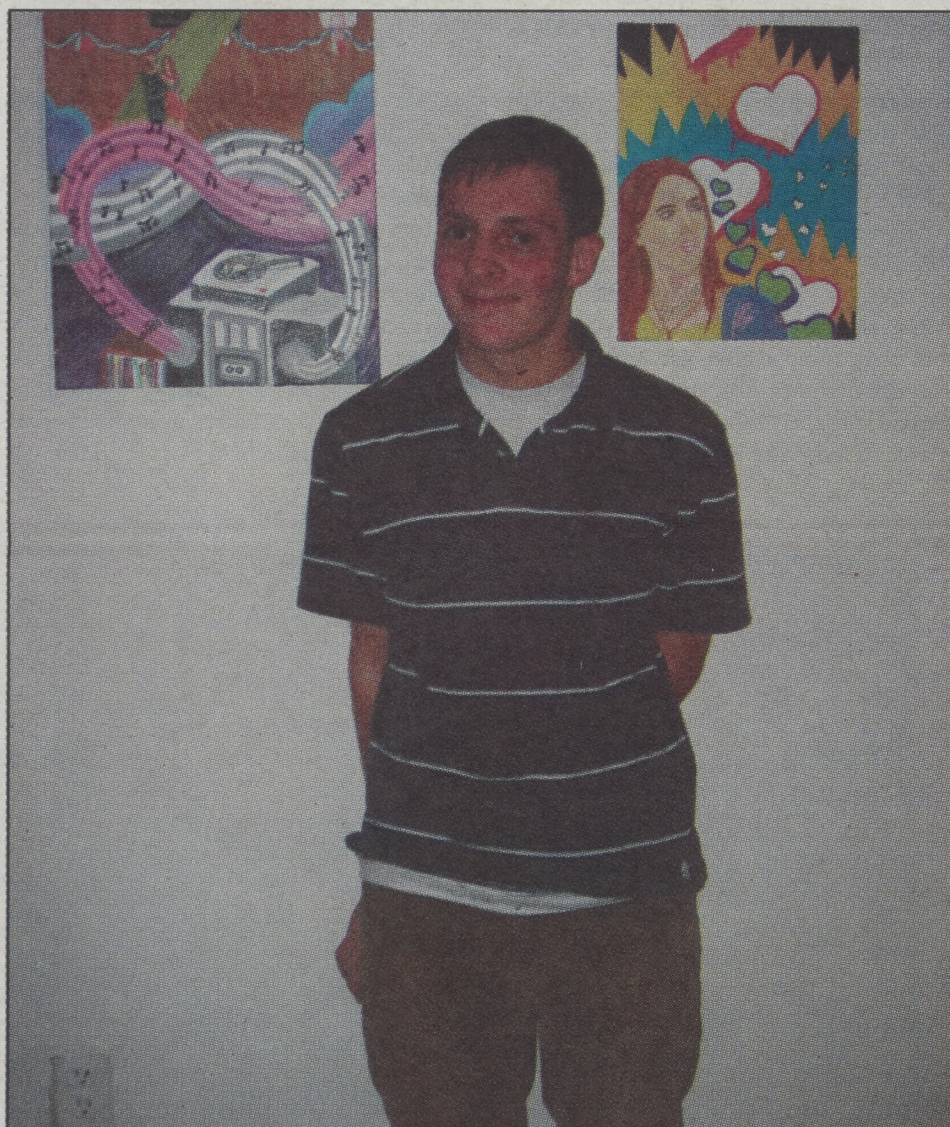
Hackney manages to take a largely unsympathetic character and make the audience empathize with his emptiness. Frenkel captures the innocent nature of Tim, who may have been somebody if not constantly hanging around Darrell.

One of the best scenes in the play is a quiet moment between Frenkel and Stanley, who master the subtle and sometimes painful verbal games people play. The amount of "whatevers" in that scene alone is staggering.

LaBute revels in irony, and at times this gets a bit overstated. With the opening scene and the climax both taking place at a zoo, it is made clear to the audience the real animals caged up are the human beings, put into a cell emotionally, with little understanding of anything the world has to offer.

The blatant irony of the playwright is fixed in this production, with some nice performances, down-to-earth direction and a well-designed set.

It's an entertaining play, which emotionally kicks the audience in the crotch and forces us to think about the real life Darrells of the world, perhaps in our own high school yearbooks.



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Kevin Dunphy's (pictured) art collection will be running through the rest of the semester in Gallery 3.5 of Calcia Hall.

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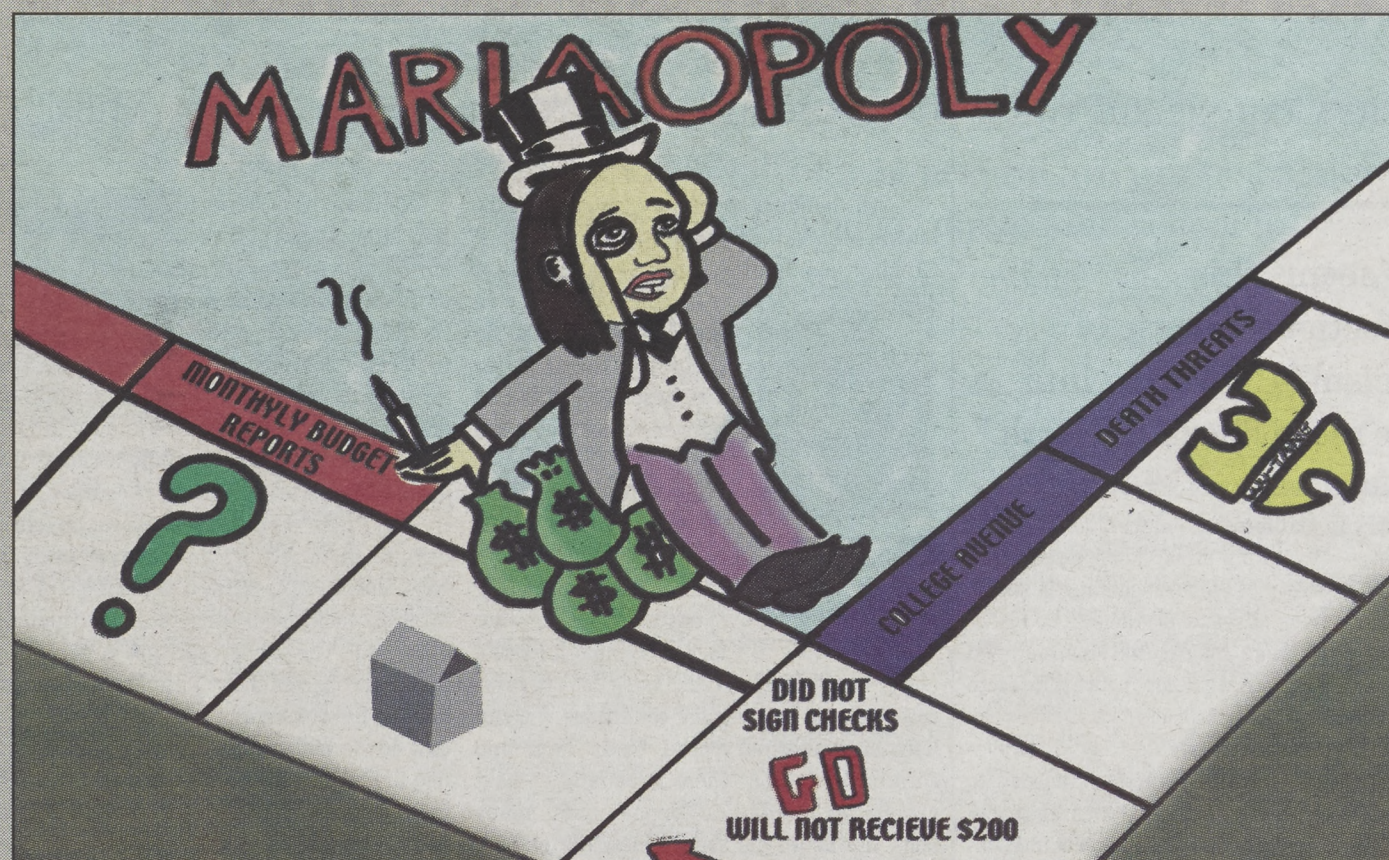
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"The Wu-Tang Clan ain't nothing to mess with." If you don't believe us, ask Class One Concerts President Mike Saavedra, who was threatened by one of its members via voice mail because the SGA at the time did not pay for the services of Cappadonna for a Montclair State University concert this September. So it came as no surprise this Wednesday when SGA Treasurer Maria Soares said, "I had no idea what a monthly report was until last week." The monthly budget report is what she is referring to, a report that makes sure student fees are being spent correctly.

It is safe to say that the SGA financial officials should maybe take another look around and possibly reevaluate their own situation. Soares's quote strikes a chord, especially since this semester is winding down and \$328,044 is on the line. How do you not know what a monthly budget report is? This is a gutsy statement, considering that Soares's SGA meeting attendance has been less than stellar. This just adds fuel to the fire.

The SGA "department of treasury" has been MSU's version of a soap opera, nothing short of our own *Guiding Light*. Last year alone, there were more SGA bookkeepers than attendees at Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes' wedding. All jumbled jargon aside, this problem is not getting any better, and just like everything else at MSU, it is getting worse. With money at this school, why is it always a laughing matter?

This is the 21st century, and with that said, why can't the SGA apply for a credit card? With a yearly budget just under a million dollars, what credit card company wouldn't cream its pants wanting MSU to be one of its own cardholders?

In dealing with money, there is always a paper trail. Since Soares is calling it in, it is very hard for other SGA organizations to get its checks out for payment, considering they need her signature to validate the voucher. Instead of trying to track her down, why can't organizations just go through appropriations, get their budget

"With money at this school why is it always a laughing matter?"

cleared and then be given that coveted little piece of plastic that makes everything a whole lot easier? One swipe and everyone is happy.

Monthly budget reports should be thoroughly examined, considering it is our own money as students that goes into the SGA. We pay for the movie tickets, e-board summer housing, homecoming, publicity and capital equipment. What is capital equipment? Anyway, it sounds important and so do these other things, especially the part about dances and balls. If there is one thing that it is positive about MSU's on-campus experience, it is the dances.

If you pony up the dough and buy a suit (or for the ladies a cocktail dress), SGA organizations like CLUB do great jobs coordinating these receptions. It's senior prom all over again, except we're in college now, and being over 21 years of age means attacking the open bar and then throwing up all over your Van Huesen tie before passing out next to some type of exotic floral arrangement.

How are these organizations supposed to be supported when they have to track down the treasurer to sign off on overdue checks? The credit card idea may not be feasible because of high interest rates, but we're just spitballing here. The main thing is that money is God to Americans, and as Americans, no one messes with God. Let's take it seriously for once. Let's turn this thing around, and let's make some things happen. It's much easier to give someone the check than say that it is in the mail.

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WEEK IN REVIEW



Thumbs up to no fees for winter break housing.

Thumbs down to the orange barriers being knocked down by the recreation center.

Thumbs up to CLUB's Winter Ball tonight.

Thumbs down to the Red Hawk Diner for running out of food Sunday night.

Southerners Embody Don't Buy Your Dog "The Good German" From a Pet Shop

Will the South Ever Change its Confederate Ways?

Dog Adoption is an Alternative to "Puppy Mills"

The United States Civil War was one of the bloodiest wars ever fought on American soil, leading to over 600,000 deaths of both



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Union and Confederate soldiers. After the war, Union troops occupied the South until 1876, when a botched and corrupt election led to Rutherford B. Hayes becoming the 19th President of the United States and not Sam Tilden, who won the popular vote by almost 250,000 votes.

The Electoral Commission gave Hayes the presidency as long as he agreed with Southern Democrats to withdraw Union troops from the South, which he did in the Compromise of 1877. This one act of American politics and corruption set back the Civil Rights Movement 80 years and still provokes racial tension in America, especially in its hillybilly cousin, the South.

After the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln was so keen on making America whole again that he bypassed harsh punishment for the South. He was later assassinated by John Wilkes Booth, and Vice President Andrew Johnson, a Southern racist, took over as President and kept to Lincoln's status quo.

Abraham Lincoln is one of the greatest American presidents, but his decision to go easy on hateful hicks of the South has hurt this country ever since. After signing the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863, he should have then signed away all Southern lands to freed slaves and not put them in a position where they could have been abused again by the same crackers that have sent all of mankind back hundreds of years.

For anyone who has ever been to the South, it's a joke. You take a Civil War tour in any of the 11 states that seceded in 1861 expecting to get a valid history lesson, and the tour guide tells you how the South won the war, how General Sherman was a terrorist, how Union Troops raped Southern Belles and how blacks should fear the white man. It is all subjective bullshit. Get over yourself, go home, take down that stupid Confederate flag, stop watching Dr. Phil and Jerry Springer and read a book or go to counseling.

British comedian Sacha Baron Cohen has tapped into this, for his social commentary on America is dead-on. If you are not familiar with Cohen, he is the actor who plays Ali-G, and more recently, Borat in his instant cinematic classic *Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan*.

Borat is an objective force that shows not only our stupidity as Americans but also our racial perceptions. In the movie, a man at a Southern rodeo tells Borat that if he cuts his mustache, he can pass as an Italian because with it he looks like a terrorist. At a Southern socialite dinner party, Borat brings a black woman as a guest to the dinner. The white hostess then asks Borat and his date to leave.

As the northern United States, we have prided ourselves on racial and ethnic tolerance, but as of late, this way of life is questionable. The killing of the 23-year-old Queens resident Sean Bell has raised some eyebrows, as well as Michael Richards's (Kramer of *Seinfeld*) much-publicized and highly charged racist rant wherein he despicably calls a black patron at the Laugh

"It seems this infectious disease of racism is bleeding into the more liberal ... North."

Factory in California a "nigger" for two long minutes. (Watching it on Youtube.com felt like an eternity of embarrassment.) It seems this infectious disease of racism is bleeding into the more liberal and open-minded North. So how can we deal with this de facto problem in American society?

A learned man would say improvements in the education system is needed to strengthen race relations by screening teachers more efficiently to thwart biased and subjective personalities, but this is impractical. Southern sentiment has not changed in 400 years toward darker Americans and other religious and ethnic groups, so why would it now, especially when the lawmakers in the system are more racist than we'll ever know?

Last week, Jerry Klein, radio host for station 630 WMAL-AM, which reaches Washington, Virginia and Maryland, asked his listeners if Muslims in the United States should be identified with crescent-moon tattoos. Instantly, his phone lines were jammed with some positive sentiments saying how this was ridiculously crazy, but most agreed with the host. One caller even said, "not only do you tattoo them in the middle of their forehead, but you should ship them out of this country ... they are here to kill us."

Klein then did something unexpected: he told his radio audience that this was a hoax. "I can't believe any of you are sick enough to have agreed for one second with anything said ... because basically, what you just did was show me how the German people allowed what happened to the Jews."

This despicable outcry of Southerners not only shows that they are racist toward people of color, but they are also racist toward religious sects of people. As Northerners, and more importantly as Americans, we should take into account our Southern cousins' skewed view of hate and intolerance.

Maybe Cohen, who studied at Christ College in Cambridge, was right when, in a recent Rolling Stone interview, he said, "I knew of a professor named Ian Kershaw, who said, 'The path to Auschwitz was paved with indifference.'" Cohen added, "I think it's an interesting idea that not everyone in Germany had to be a raving anti-Semite. They just had to be apathetic."

Whether another genocide or race war is on the horizon in America is too early to say, but what we can assess is that there are signs of a storm brewing in the South, and when that storm presents itself, it is our job as Americans not to be "The Good German." We must question acts of defiance against any people of color, as well as any religion.

As Northerners we must stand up to any racist or unresponsive citizens. Remember the South hates anyone who is not white and Christian. Keep that in mind while they still harbor America's home-grown, original terrorists: The Ku Klux Klan.

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With holiday shopping comes impulse buys of everything from electronics to clothes. Children ask mall Santas to get them that



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cute puppy they saw in the window, stuffed in their stockings. After all, these little girls and boys have been good all year.

That cute little puppy in the window came from a puppy mill, a commercial breeding operation that "manufactures" pups for retail at pet shops. Puppy mills house dogs in overcrowded and unsanitary conditions without adequate veterinary care, food, water and socialization. Since there is usually no heat or air-conditioning in puppy mills, many dogs freeze in the winter and die of heat stroke in the summer.

Kathleen Summers, the program assistant of Stop Puppy Mills (stoppuppymills.org), a sub-organization of The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) in Washington, D.C., explained what goes on in cramped cages in puppy mills. "These breeding dogs never leave their cages to go for a walk or to play with a toy," she said. "They do not get soft beds and doggie treats."

Summers said the pups' parents are continuously bred until reproduction fails or death in order to increase profits. "They live in a cage 24/7 and are discarded and sometimes killed when they are no longer able to make more puppies." Puppies are then taken from their mother when they are five to eight weeks old and sold to brokers who pack them in crates for resale to pet stores all over the country. The puppies are shipped by truck or plane across the country and often without adequate food, water, ventilation or shelter.

Approximately 3,500 pet stores in the United States sell puppies, according to prisonersofgreed.org. The shops sell approximately 500,000 thousand puppies a year. Half the puppies sold in pet stores are ill or developing a disease that will surface as they age. Studies by the Center of Disease Control and within California have shown that 50 percent of the puppies in pet stores are incubating disease.

"In about 20 percent of the complaints we get here at HSUS about sick puppies purchased in stores, the puppy has died," Summers said. Genetic conditions, such as liver and heart diseases, autoimmune disorders, worms, upper respiratory infections and ear and eye infections, can result from careless breeding.

In addition to congenital problems, pet shop puppies have emotional problems because they have not been properly socialized. "Because mass commercial breeding facilities are not keeping dogs as pets and are only looking to make a profit," Summers said, "they commonly disregard the physical and emotional health of the dogs, resulting in puppies that can suffer from severe physical and emotional ailments or even die."

Puppies from mills also lack socialization because they are isolated in cages, unable to be playful puppies by nature. Some dogs are so psychologically scarred from the numbing boredom of being imprisoned in a small cage for many years that they have developed compulsive habits like running in circles or barking at the wall for hours. They never touch solid ground or grass to run and play with.

However, New Jersey has a "Puppy Lemon Law" that allows buyers to return the dog for a refund within a certain amount of time or reimbursement of veterinary care up to the price of the dog. New Jersey's pet buyer protection laws cover anyone selling pets for profit: pet stores, kennels and breeders, including hobby breeders, according to consumeraffairs.com. Humane societies and animal shelters are exempt, of course.

The Puppy Lemon Law allows buyers 14 days to get a dog or cat declared "unfit for sale" due to illness by a veterinarian, and up to six months for congenital or hereditary disorders. The owner can get a refund or exchange, or retain the animal and be reimbursed for veterinary bills up to twice the cost of the pet. Summers said the store will usually return the dogs to the puppy mill to get a refund. The mill may kill them if the dogs have a disease that is not easy to treat.

Animal shelter adoptions are simpler and cheaper. Pet shop pups costs as much as \$500, whereas in shelters, the adoption fee is as much as \$100. The shelter adoption fee includes veterinary care, spaying or neutering and updated shots. Adopters get more for their money when adopting through an animal shelter, and they also save a life. Buyers that are sucked in to buying at a mall are not getting a quality dog. Chances are high they are taking home a sick dog, which costs an insane amount of money to "cure."

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Also, many puppy mills are exempt from the minimum standards of care required by current federal law, even though the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) licenses and inspects puppy mills for violations of the Animal Welfare Act. It is the only federal law in the United States that regulates the treatment of animals in research, exhibition, transport, commerce and by dealers. Summers said the USDA does not inspect every facility every year because there aren't enough inspectors to investigate the facilities.

The only way to free innocent puppies from the misery of horrid puppy mills is to eliminate the demand for puppies. Refuse to buy a puppy in a pet store. When people stop buying puppies in pet stores, the puppy mills will go out of business and stop manufacturing puppies from their mothers.

Pets are a lifetime commitment. Puppies require a lot of attention. Just because they're not "cute" anymore doesn't mean they deserve to be kicked out of the house. Many of these pet shop pups are given up to animal shelters because the owner realized that it was a impulse buy or he or she can't devote enough time to take care of their pet.

With impulse purchases come returns this holiday season. It's easy to return an ugly shirt that your grandma gave you. It's not easy to return your puppy that was in the window.

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Attention: N.J. is in a Tuition Crisis

One MSU Professor's Research Shows that New Jersey Colleges Have Spiked Greatly in Cost

Since 2000, tuition and fees at four-year public universities have gone up 40 percent or more. The average cost is about \$5,800.



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MSU's tuition and fees are about \$8,000, but you'd know better than I. That's often defrayed by grants and financial aid, but not to everyone. For the very poor or the very bright (Equal Opportunity Freshman) the aid has not gone down. According to what I've read, the students who are getting more and more squeezed are from the middle class. The grants and financial aid are getting less and less and loans are being taken out so that many students are graduating covered in major debt. More and more students, especially in the freshman class, are suffering DWI: Dropping out, withdrawing or taking incompletes that are never made up.

DWI is a jargon werewolf term known in the technical trade as retention. The lower the tuition, the lower the retention rate. MSU and New Jersey in general are worried about the Brain Drain: kids who graduate high school in Jersey and then go out of state to a college where the tuition is considerably less than here. At the University of North Carolina, a top state college with a low tuition, the freshman retention rate is 95 percent compared often to 80 percent at schools with a higher tuition. What's MSU's freshman retention rate? You tell me.

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And, again, you all would know better than I: besides tuition and fees, there are the costs of books, parking privileges and whatever.

Here's how one report puts this soaring tuition crisis: "We're going to have the biggest high school class in 2009 the nation has seen, bigger than the baby boomers'. And what are we doing? We're reducing college funding and making it harder to afford."

But that's the proposed "solution" from faculty and top-heavy, top-paid administrators. They want more money, not less, put in the higher education budget. And in New Jersey, that's just not going to happen. Gov. Corzine cut this year's higher education budget by over 169 million dollars.

He looks at public universities like University of Medicine and Denistry of New Jersey and finds, at best, programs that don't pay for themselves and, at worst, ethical hanky-panky of a criminal nature. And, at best (or worst), in the view of a business-oriented governor like Corzine, more and more state and federal assessment (auditing) is being made in public colleges to see if students are learning what they're supposed to be learning and to cut funding accordingly to those schools where the

students are not.

Remember: the average tuition at a New Jersey four-year public college is the third highest in the nation. And it's not a matter of quality. Some of the lowest tuition rates are at top-rated schools like the State University of New York and North Carolina.

Please hear this: MSU's President Susan A. Cole, Provost Richard Lynde and college deans like Mary Papazian are doing their very informed best to keep tuition costs low here, but are being hampered by some faculty and some departments, who, for whatever reason, are hampering their efforts. What you students can do to help is to explore this soaring tuition crisis to help these pro-student administrators and to look into the "hamperers."

Now when I formally proposed to the well-meaning Faculty Senate President Sandra Collins that the Senate establish a committee to explore ways to keep or lower tuition costs here at MSU, Dr. Collins told me that this was a matter for another body. I suggest that you ask your Student Government Association representative, who sits on the Senate representing your interests, to ask Dr.

Collins to reconsider.

Finally, if you want more information or if you have any suggestions or personal reactions to this tuition crisis, get in touch with me, confidentially, at pricet@mail.montclair.edu. (Please put TUITION CRISIS in your e-mail's subject line. I have a semi-secret proposal [by an outside authority] to share with you for helping to end the crisis.)

Ted Price is an English Professor at Montclair State University.

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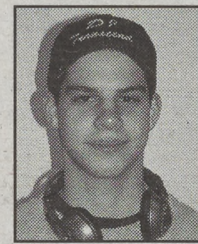
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A Call to Our Generation's Apathy

With the Death of 23-Year-Old Queens Resident Sean Bell, Have Our Attitudes Changed?

50 shots. Despite all of the "facts" of the Sean Bell case, we know without question that there were indeed 50 shots fired at three men outside of a Queens nightclub and that one man, Sean Bell, 23, is now dead. He was killed the night before his wedding. I am not black, a cop nor from Queens, but I don't know what compels five men to fire 10 shots each into three men who are surrounded inside of a car. I do not know what that night could have possibly been like.



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I do know, however, that as a human being, coming to terms with the sheer inhumanity of these five officers sends that familiar feeling coursing through my body, a feeling that since 9/11, I have felt too often. There is no value for humanity. The progress we have seen has really only come in different ways to distract ourselves from the world outside of our personal boxes. As I read what little we know about the case, I see that not much has changed since Amadou Diallo.

According to the two wounded men, Trent Benefield, 23, and Joseph Guzman, 31, none of the five officers had identified themselves as they approached the car, and they believed that they were being carjacked. The job of the police, so far as I understand, is to serve and protect. I also understand that cops need to protect themselves as well as do their job, but I don't feel any safer knowing that they are allowed to shoot at anyone without any repercussions, like the four

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officers involved in the Diallo case, who were acquitted.

Sadly, stuff like this happens all too frequently. I'm sure that had it been only 10 or so shots fired, this story would have been buried under a U.N. scandal or something.

I'm disappointed that the only police force I respect had something like this happen again. But, we can't be so naïve to think that this type of situation won't happen again, especially in a city so big; the law of averages must apply. What I'm most disappointed with is the reaction. There was outrage, there was furor and there was Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton. Does anyone know what these guys do?

It seems to me that these two pop up right around the time the news cameras are set up. Looking at the RainbowPUSH Coalition website (Jesse Jackson's foundation), one can see under the RPC Events calendar there are no events scheduled. While he does have several helpful programs set up, they are all passive-aggressive or simply over the top. One drop-menu choice is world peace. After this link is clicked, there is a page that says only "Coming Soon!" with the exclamation point highlighting the absurdity of the man's ego.

Al Sharpton has no website, and the only article referencing him that I could find on Google from a reputable website was a Dec. 1 Washingtonpost.com article about the suits

he's worn over the last week or so.

If it seems like I'm attacking these men, I am. What little I learned about Martin Luther King, Jr., in public school made MLK seem as though he were everywhere, doing and saying all he could to further the cause for Black Americans across the country. Perhaps this is a romantic image of a man whose noble life was cut short. But he has that may, I feel like it is a sin for these two men to parade around acting as if they are extending his legacy.

I am disappointed in music, specifically Hip-Hop. This art form was once a platform for social change, and now, because of its immaturity and greed, I'm sure we will never hear a record for Sean Bell, as we did when Diallo was shot. In 1999, many of the top rappers came together to produce a record called *Hip-Hop for Respect*, which contained four tracks and artists like Kool G. Rap, Talib Kwali, Mos Def, Rah Digga, De La Soul, Common and Pharoahe Monch. A sticker on the front read, "The proceeds from the sales of this recording will go to the Hip-Hop For Respect Foundation, a non-profit organization that combats police brutality worldwide." Even Bruce Springsteen came out with a record called *American Skin (41 Shots)*.

Our generation shouldn't have to count on our parent's generation to make records combating injustice. We have 23-year-old

billionaires. The basketball equivalent of Jesus is 21 (Lebron James).

Dearest reader, you may be asking, "So, Sam, where does all of this leave us? Clearly nothing is going to get better. It's been seven years since the Amadou Diallo case and nothing seems to have changed."

I grapple with these same problems. My solution is to galvanize you, the reader, and myself into action. This Sean Bell event is just one in a long string of issues that our generation faces. For me personally, the issues that go with being a young black man seem a world away; we as a generation must begin to address the issues facing our future because they are not going to sit and wait for us to be ready. As our generation goes off to war, as we are pulled over and pulled out of the car, as we watch our planet, our social benefits wither away, we must begin to act.

Sam Kissinger, an English major, is in his second year as a columnist for The Montclarion.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We used to use the unappropriated surplus a little bit incorrectly."

-SGA President Angelo Lilla on the three new lines added to the Fall '06 budget.

Decorations and Diversity

MSU Should Pride Itself on Incorporating All Holidays this December

'Tis the season to be jolly, but I am hardly feeling jolly at all. In fact, ever since I started college, I've found that enjoying the holiday season on campus is very hard. Among schoolwork and other school-related activities, by the time Christmas rolls around, it vanishes just as quickly.

I could blame it on all the work there is to be done as we approach the end of the semester. I could blame it on the fact that I don't go out on campus to really see the holiday season taking place around me. However, I've come to the conclusion that the reason I rarely feel caught up in the holiday spirit is because of Montclair State University's lack of décor during the holiday season.

True, putting up Christmas lights, Santas and reindeer around campus would exclude many of those who do not celebrate Christmas. But I really don't think this should stop the rest of us from enjoying the holiday season. Montclair State University uses the diversity they promote as an excuse to not put up holiday decorations, but I do not believe this is fair at all.

I understand the point of view of those

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who celebrate different holidays during this season or others. But instead of excluding everybody from enjoying the holiday season, why not include everybody during all times of the year? I think it would not only bring a lot of happy faces to campus, but also act as a tool of education to ignorant minds. Along with Christmas lights around campus, we could have menorahs, displays of Islamic embroidery, Buddhist statues, or what have you.

Our society today is so concerned about not offending others with our cultures and traditions that we've become ignorant. Ignorance is not the answer to include everyone in the world's events. Rather, we should loosen up the tight knots created by society, not be so afraid of what others will think and allow ourselves to divulge in other traditions and cultures.

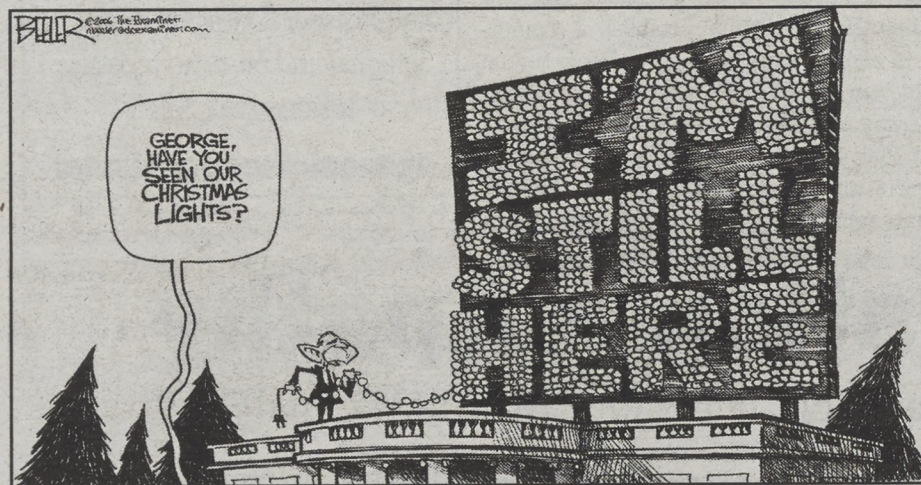
What if we had an official menorah lighting, open to all of the student body? Or if we have an official Montclair State University Christmas tree, where everyone brings an

ornament to hang? Or, before Kwanzaa, if we have students practice a Kwanzaa-related exercise of connecting to the past to understand the present and then deal with the future? This concept shouldn't only be practiced during the December holiday season, but also during the regular academic year when other religions have other celebrations.

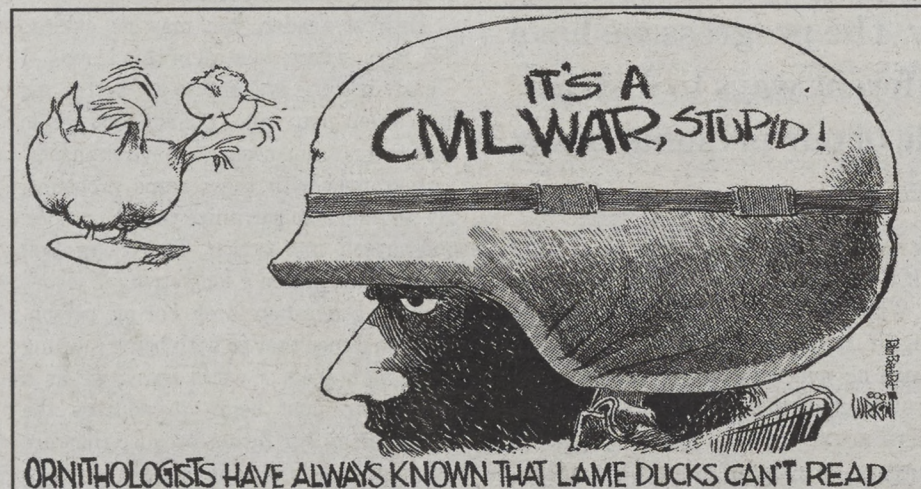
I'd try to be more specific with my ideas, but that's just the thing - I can't. I don't feel I know enough to suggest other ways of sharing cultures and experiences. But if Montclair State made such knowledge widely available, I'd feel culturally enriched.

So let's get together and really practice diversity at this university. Having a plethora of different cultures and ethnicities isn't enough to gloat about diversity on campus. The real treasure would be if everyone could respect and join in the traditions of others.

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Question of The Week

"What are your plans for winter break?"



WILL BISHOP

Year: Junior
Major: Business Management

"Attending the local blast-offs at 2A, blizzaming and enjoying a lot of egg nog. I will also be in studio with my boy band Tu Sincere. Let's go!"



KYLE LITTLE

Year: Freshman
Major: Undeclared

"To work at Pinho's Bakery."



ALEXIS SOTO

Year: Freshman
Major: Biology

"Go back to Atlantic City and work at the White House sub shop to stack some cake. I want to come back to Red Hawk country ballin'!"



NOELLE LLANES

Year: Freshman
Major: Biology

"Visiting family and hanging out with friends in Texas."



DANA FRISHER

Year: Freshman
Major: Music Therapy

"I am going to spend time with my friends and family back at home. I am also going to take a trip to Michigan and celebrate my 19th birthday."



ERIC ROSS

Year: Freshman
Major: Music Therapy

"I want to increase my percussion skills, read the original, unabridged version of *Peter Pan* and make some money."

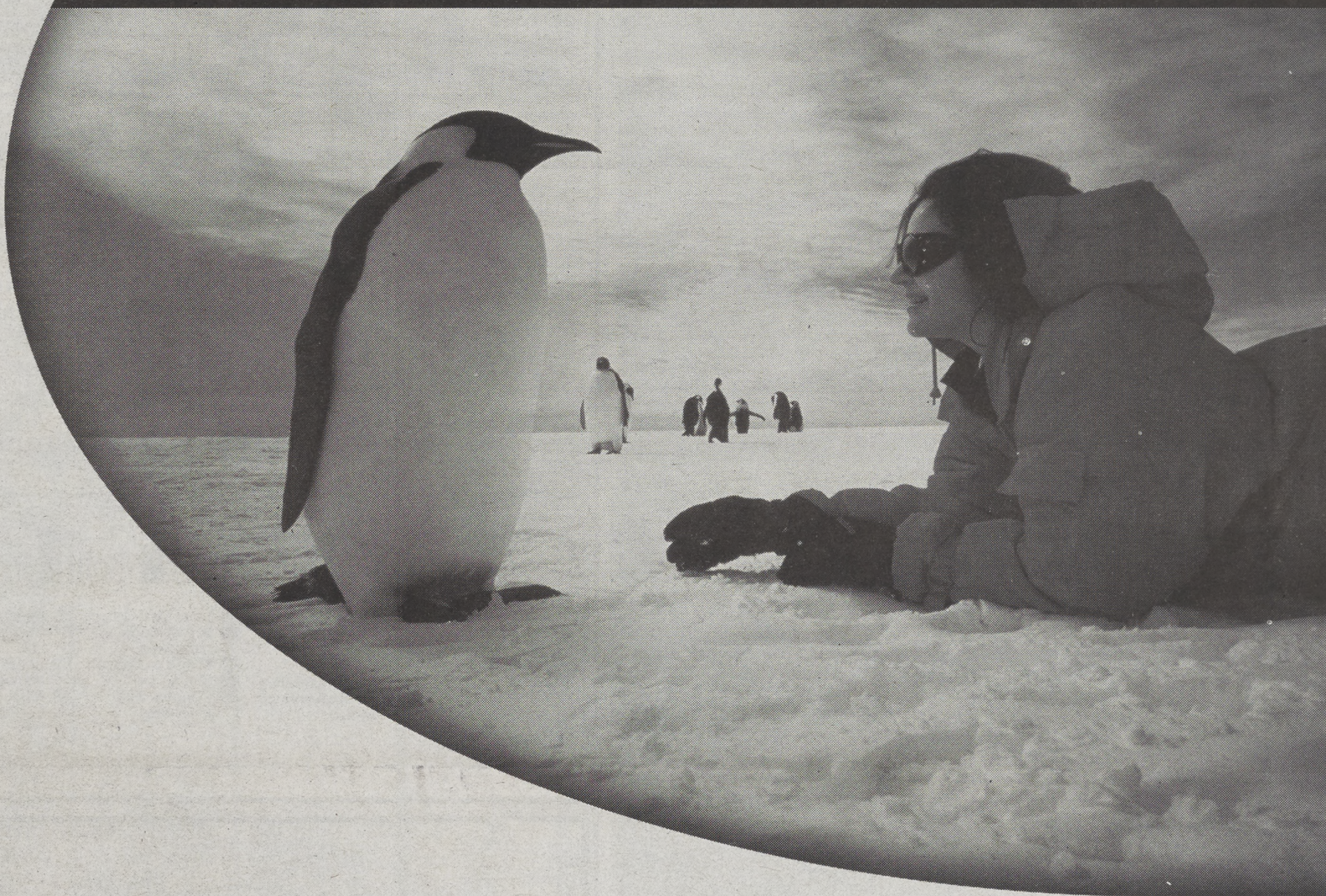
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Sagittarius

(November 22 - December 20)

EARLY THIS WEEK, LOVED ONES MAY WISH TO EXPAND THEIR DAILY SOCIAL COMMITMENTS, HOBBIES OR TEAM ACTIVITIES. JOIN IN AND EXPLORE NEW OPTIONS; SHARED GOALS OR CREATIVE SUGGESTIONS WILL SOON IMPROVE INTIMACY AND LONG-TERM TRUST BETWEEN FRIENDS. WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, AVOID ACTING AS BUSINESS MEDIATOR, INSTRUCTOR OR PRIVATE ADVISOR TO CO-WORKERS. FINANCIAL MISCALCULATIONS, DISPUTED WORKPLACE STANDARDS AND COSTLY LEGAL ERRORS WILL NOT BE EASILY RESOLVED; REMAIN QUIETLY CAUTIOUS.

Capricorn

(December 21 - January 19)

CLOSE FRIENDS AND RELATIVES ARE NOW STRONGLY MOTIVATED TO BRING ADDED SECURITY INTO THEIR DAILY LIVES. CAREER ACCOMPLISHMENT AND LONG-TERM FINANCIAL GOALS MAY BE A PRIVATE SOURCE OF TENSION. ALTHOUGH THE DESIRE FOR CHANGE IS DEEPLY FELT, STAY FOCUSED ON IMMEDIATE OR SHORT-TERM GOALS; OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS, TIMED ACHIEVEMENTS AND STEADY ENCOURAGEMENT WILL HELP IMPROVE OPTIONS. FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, MINOR SKIN OR DIGESTIVE AILMENTS MAY BE BOTHERSOME; GET EXTRA REST.

Aquarius

(January 20 - February 17)

A RARE ROMANTIC PROPOSAL OR PASSIONATE INVITATION MAY THIS WEEK DEMAND RESPONSE. SOMEONE CLOSE MAY NOW WISH TO EXPAND THE PUBLIC COMMITMENT OF A KEY RELATIONSHIP. FAMILY OBLIGATIONS, RENEWED SOCIAL CONFIDENCE AND LONG-TERM HOME PLANS MAY ALL BE AT ISSUE. REFUSE TO FEEL PRESSURED INTO BOLD DECISIONS; YOUR GOALS AND NEEDS ARE ALSO IMPORTANT. AFTER THURSDAY, ASK OLDER RELATIVES FOR BUSINESS OR FINANCIAL ADVICE; PRIOR EXPERIENCE WILL OFFER A MEANINGFUL PERSPECTIVE.

Pisces

(February 18 - March 19)

DEADLINES, BUSINESS ROUTINES OR FINANCIAL REGULATIONS MAY THIS WEEK BE UNEXPECTEDLY COMPLICATED. AFTER TUESDAY, RESPOND QUICKLY TO THE PUBLIC INSTRUCTIONS OF AUTHORITY FIGURES BUT PRIVATELY WAIT FOR EXPERIENCED MANAGERS TO PROVIDE ACCURATE FACTS OR RELIABLE PROCEDURES. THIS IS NOT THE RIGHT TIME TO CHALLENGE AUTHORITY OR ACT INDEPENDENTLY IN THE WORKPLACE. LATER THIS WEEK, A RECENTLY SHY FRIEND OR LOVER MAY PROPOSE UNIQUE TRAVEL PLANS. STAY OPEN; SERIOUS INTENTIONS WILL SOON BE REVEALED.

Aries

(March 20 - April 19)

OVER THE NEXT FOUR DAYS, MINOR DISAGREEMENTS MAY STEADILY ESCALATE. ROMANTIC PARTNERS AND CLOSE RELATIVES MAY THIS WEEK OFFER STRONG OPINIONS OR BOLDLY CHALLENGE ESTABLISHED SOCIAL ROLES. IN THE COMING WEEKS, HOWEVER, MUCH OF THIS MAY WORK TO YOUR ADVANTAGE; USE THIS TIME TO CLEARLY STATE LONG-TERM FAMILY GOALS, REVISE LIVING ARRANGEMENTS AND RESOLVE LINGERING FEARS OR HIDDEN ROMANTIC DOUBTS. STAY FOCUSED AND DON'T HOLD BACK; CONCRETE DECISIONS WILL SOON IMPROVE RELATIONSHIPS.

Taurus

(April 20 - May 20)

A CLOSE COLLEAGUE OR TRUSTED BUSINESS PARTNER MAY THIS WEEK REVEAL UNEXPECTED CAREER GOALS OR REVISED FINANCIAL PLANS. AFTER TUESDAY, WATCH FOR A RARE JOB ANNOUNCEMENT TO TRIGGER A SHORT-TERM CONTROVERSY. CO-WORKERS MAY CHALLENGE AUTHORITY AND AVOID GROUP RESPONSIBILITY; TAKE TIME TO EXPLAIN ALL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, ROMANTIC ATTRACTIONS INTENSIFY; REMAIN CAUTIOUS CONCERNING NEW FLIRTATIONS AND, IF POSSIBLE, AVOID MILDLY UNETHICAL SOCIAL INVITATIONS.

Gemini

(May 21 - June 20)

FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS MAY THIS WEEK BEGIN A DELICATE PHASE OF EMOTIONAL NEGOTIATIONS. MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, EXPECT ROOMMATES OR RELATIVES TO OPENLY CHALLENGE PAST IDEALS, TIME SCHEDULES OR HOME EXPECTATIONS. PROBE FOR ANSWERS OR ADDED SOCIAL INFORMATION AND EXPECT MINOR REVELATIONS TO SOON INSPIRE CLARITY OR RENEWED AGREEMENTS. LATER THIS WEEK, A FINANCIAL OR BUSINESS MISCALCULATION FROM SEVERAL MONTHS AGO MAY REAPPEAR AND DEMAND FAST DECISIONS. DON'T DELAY.

Cancer

(June 21 - July 21)

AN ANNOYING BUSINESS MISTAKE OR POWER STRUGGLE BETWEEN COLLEAGUES MAY THIS WEEK DERAIL A VITAL PROJECT. REFUSE TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE OUTLOOK. OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS, KEY OFFICIALS WILL RELY HEAVILY ON YOUR ABILITIES TO ENGENDER GROUP TRUST. AFTER THURSDAY, HOME RELATIONSHIPS MAY REQUIRE NEW SENSITIVITY; REMAIN DIPLOMATIC BUT ASK LOVED ONES FOR CONCRETE DECISIONS. LATER THIS WEEK, PAMPER THE BODY AND ENJOY PRIVATE FAMILY ACTIVITIES; FRIENDS AND RELATIVES NEED TO WITNESS YOUR DEVOTION.

Leo

(July 22 - August 21)

BEFORE MID-WEEK, A CONTROVERSIAL INVITATION, INAPPROPRIATE FLIRTATION OR UNEXPECTED WORKPLACE ATTRACTION MAY TRIGGER SPECULATION OR GROUP DEBATE. A CAUTIOUS APPROACH IS BEST. NEW LOVE AFFAIRS, ALTHOUGH POSITIVE, WILL TEMPORARILY STRAIN BUSINESS OR FAMILY RELATIONS; IF POSSIBLE, REMAIN QUIETLY DETACHED. AFTER THURSDAY, A POWERFUL WAVE OF SOCIAL NOSTALGIA ARRIVES. SOME LEOS, ESPECIALLY THOSE BORN EARLY IN AUGUST, WILL SOON REKINDLE PAST FRIENDSHIPS. GO SLOW; PASSIONS MAY BE HIGH.

Virgo

(August 22 - September 21)

A UNIQUE WORKPLACE ENCOUNTER OR FAST FINANCIAL PROPOSAL MAY THIS WEEK USHER IN A SURPRISING OPPORTUNITY. MANY VIRGOS WILL SOON OPT TO BRING SIGNIFICANT CHANGE TO THEIR PUBLIC REPUTATION, WORKPLACE SKILLS OR LONG-TERM EDUCATIONAL COMMITMENTS. A RECENT PHASE OF ISOLATION OR FADING AMBITION WILL NO LONGER DERAIL NEW PROPOSALS; EXPECT MEANINGFUL CHANGE BEFORE MID-JANUARY. LATER THIS WEEK, A FRIEND MAY DEMAND ACCESS TO FAMILY DECISIONS. WAIT FOR CLARITY BEFORE TAKING RISKS.

Libra

(September 22 - October 22)

SHORT-TERM CONTRACTS AND SPECIAL WORKPLACE INSTRUCTIONS MAY THIS WEEK CREATE TENSIONS BETWEEN CO-WORKERS. EXPERIENCED COLLEAGUES WILL SOON TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE. IF SO, REMAIN DIPLOMATIC AND ALLOW DIFFICULT BUSINESS DIFFERENCES TO BE RESOLVED THROUGH PREDICTABLE METHODS. AFTER WEDNESDAY, A CLOSE FRIEND OR RELATIVE MAY REQUEST A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF PAST EVENTS. SOCIAL TRIANGLES, REPEATED PATTERNS, TRADITIONAL FAMILY ROLES AND COMPLEX DECISIONS MAY BE AT ISSUE; STAY FOCUSED.

Scorpio

(October 23 - November 21)

A ROMANTIC INTRODUCTION, IMPROVED FRIENDSHIP OR UNEXPECTED JOB PROPOSAL MAY THIS WEEK CHALLENGE ESTABLISHED ROUTINES OR DAILY BUSINESS GOALS. MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY IS A STRONG TIME FOR SOCIAL EXPANSION AND RENEWED CAREER AMBITION. TAKE TIME TO FULLY EXPLORE ALL POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS; YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED. AFTER FRIDAY, SOME SCORPIOS MAY EXPERIENCE A DRAMATIC IMPROVEMENT IN HOME FINANCES OR LIVING ARRANGEMENTS. CHECK PAPERWORK THOROUGHLY FOR ERRORS OR OMISSIONS.

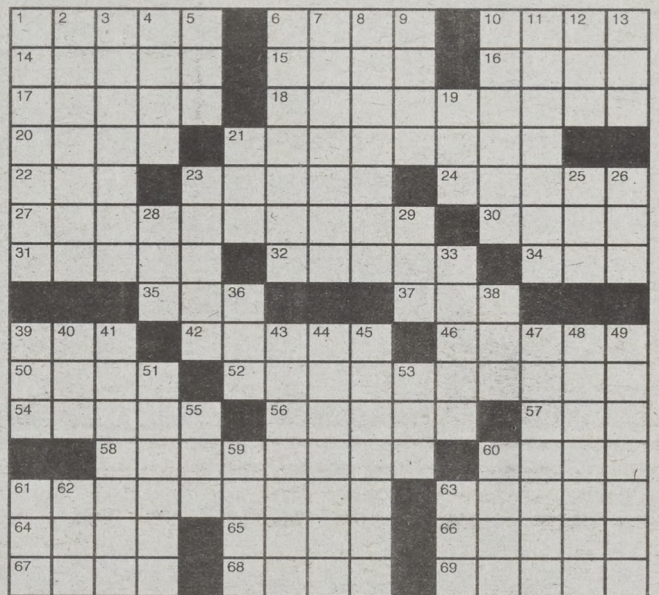
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- 6 Dundee man
- 10 TV chef Graham
- 14 Showery month
- 15 Fast-food choice
- 16 Vicinity
- 17 Spreadsheets
- 18 Caesar's last question
- 20 Gluttons
- 21 Set aside
- 22 Sort of ending?
- 23 Impromptu
- 24 Modular parts
- 27 Mediator
- 30 Move emotionally
- 31 Bombeck and others
- 32 Aired again
- 34 Lilly or Wallach
- 35 Tarzan's kid
- 37 CD's competition
- 39 6-pack muscles?
- 42 Removes skin
- 46 Puccini opera
- 50 Conduit
- 52 Set of variables
- 54 Nebraska city
- 56 Calls a chicken
- 57 Baker's measure
- 58 Counterattack
- 60 Dench of "Shakespeare in Love"
- 61 Mug for joe?
- 63 Office clerk
- 64 Shelter a fugitive
- 65 Exposed
- 66 Take down a peg
- 67 Whale groups
- 68 Pub servings
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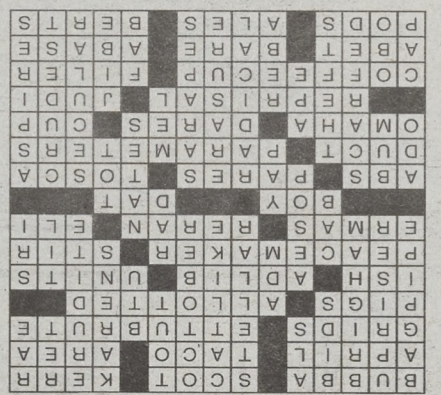
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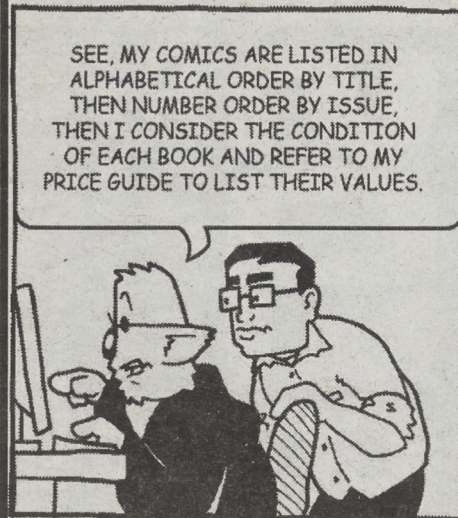


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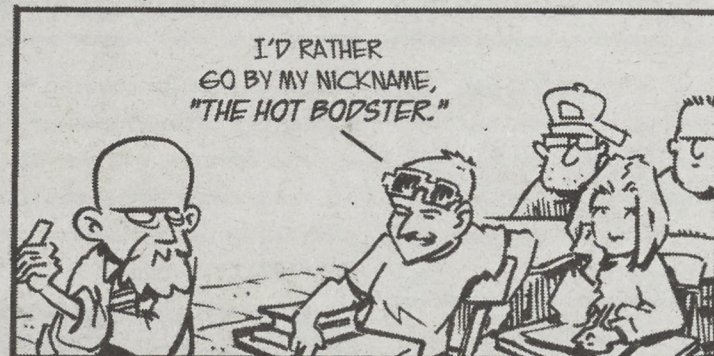
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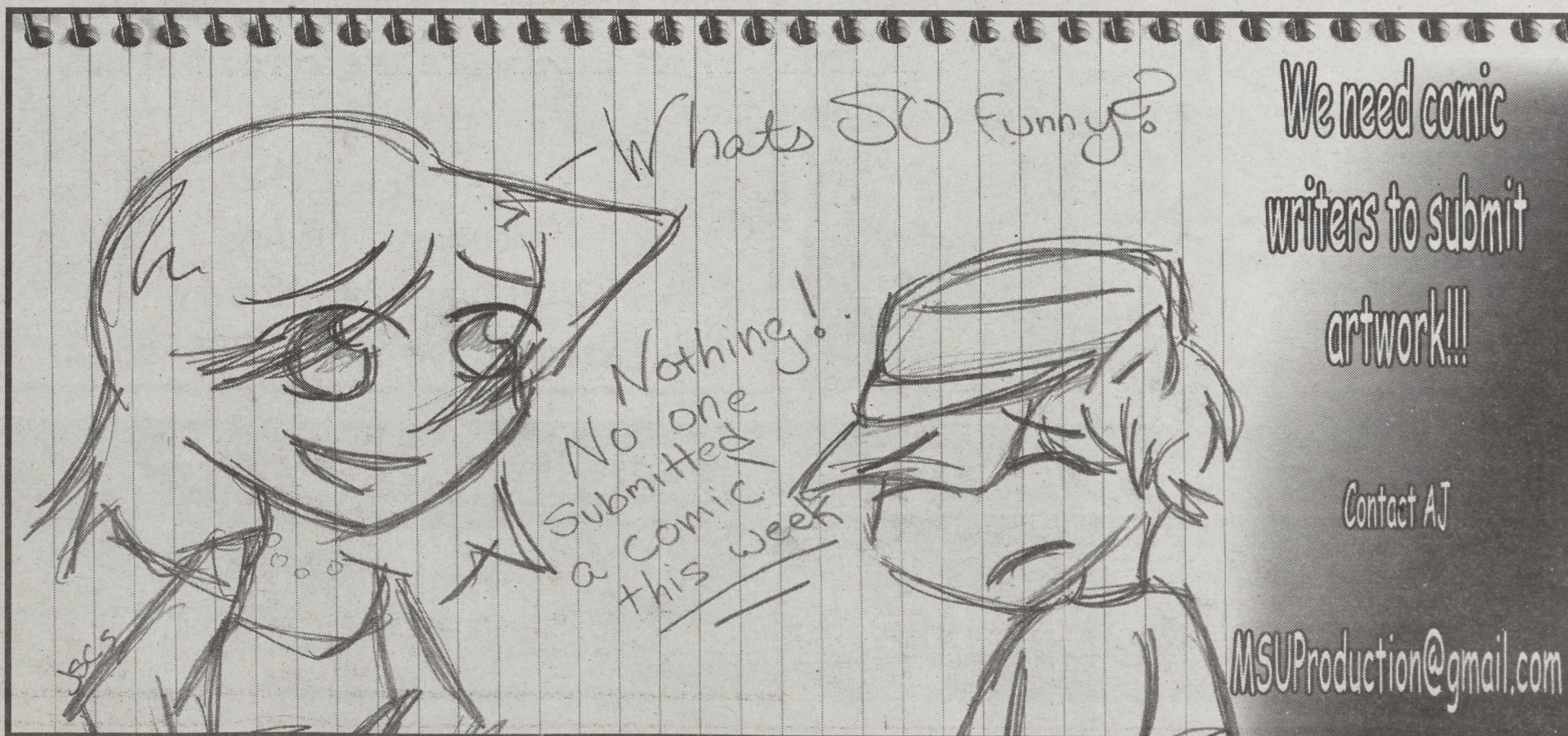
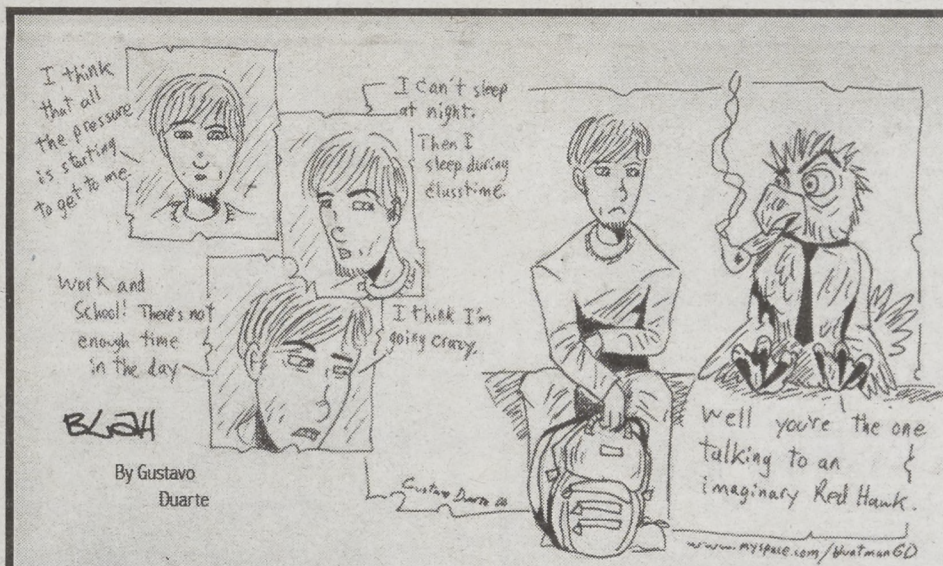
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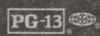
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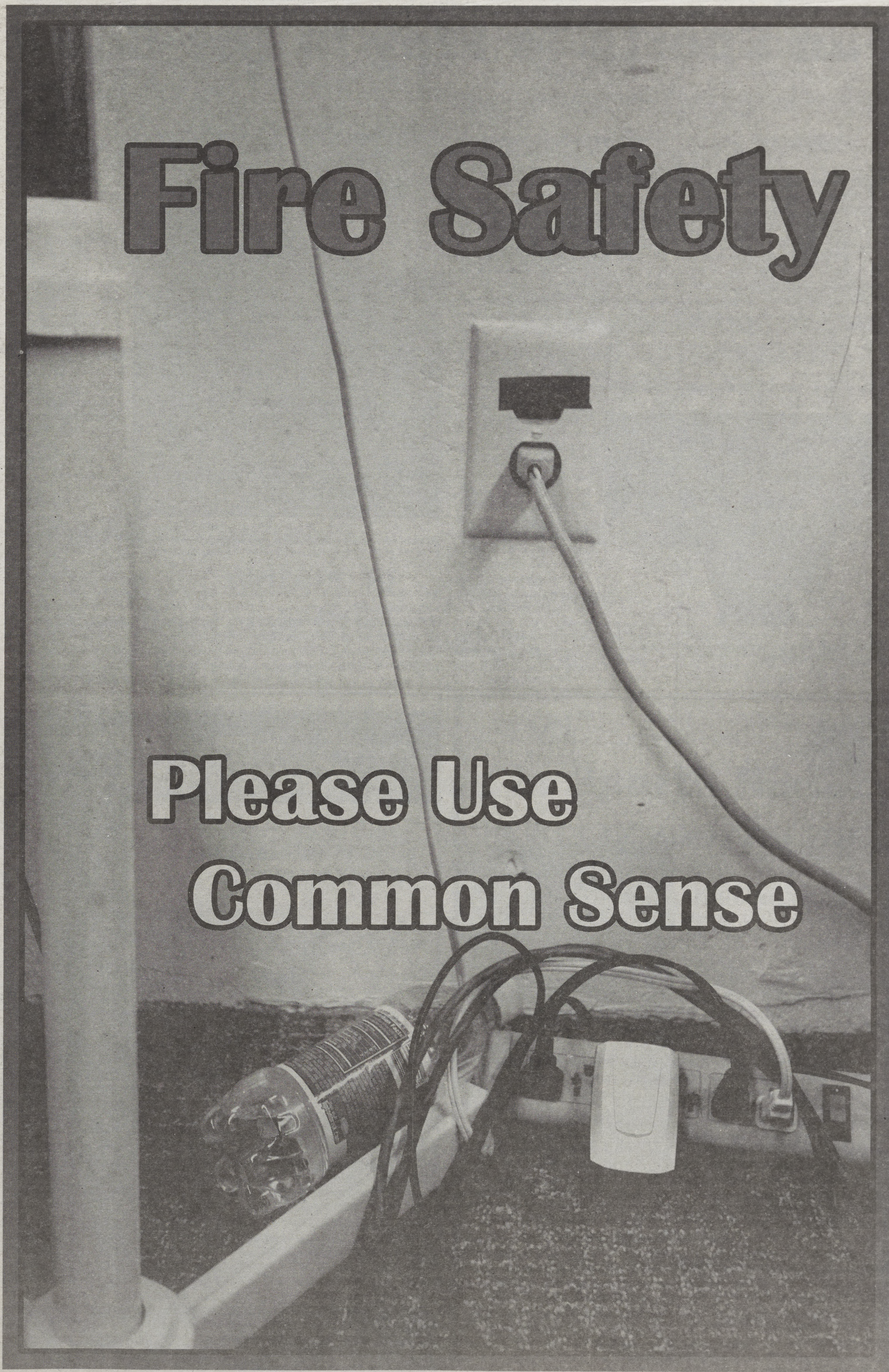


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Fun Sports To Play In The Snow

Quick and Simple Tips To Staying Active Over the Winter Break and Having Fun While Doing It

Mike Johnson
Assistant Sports Editor

Have you ever sat inside and watched the snow fall down on one of those cold and lazy days during winter break? We all have. We've watched it fall and fall and then go outside and shovel it off of our driveway while it's still snowing, only to go back out and do it again in a few hours. Well, here is a list of reasons why you should put down the shovel and pick up the phone to get some people together and rediscover that child inside of yourself.

Here are some good ways to stay active during the winter break, activities you can do in the snow or ice.

Football — If you've got a lot of friends who

like to play football, then this would be the perfect activity for you. Not only does it hurt less to get tackled in the snow, it makes for a much more interesting game. People tend to fumble the ball more often and while the ground may be coated with snow, the temperature makes you feel the hits a little bit more than usually. All you need is anywhere from six to ten people. The less people you have playing, the less serious it will become and everyone will have more fun.

Snowball Fight — This is one of those games in which you can feel like a kid again. Build a little fort if you want to and grab a bunch of snow. Make sure you don't play with one of your friends who calls time out every time he gets hit though. You want to play with someone who can take the hits. You can play a little dirty and hide a nice-sized rock in the middle of one of your snowballs like a piece of gum inside of a Blow Pop although your friend may not enjoy the rock as much as the gum.

Sled Racing/Snow Tubing

— This is pretty much self-explanatory. Grab a snow tube or one of those ridiculously old-fashioned sleds with the runners and race your friends down a big hill. The bigger the better, but remember that just because the grass is covered, that doesn't mean there aren't rocks poking up out of the



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Skiing is a fun way to work out your legs and enjoy some fresh air at the same time, but skiing can also be a very dangerous sport.

snow. Watch your hands and feet, especially with those old sleds. You can even get a little crazy and build a ramp at the bottom of the hill and send yourself off of it on a little snow tube. You'll be surprised how tired you'll get running back up the hill every time you go

always wear the proper safety gear when doing these activities. It doesn't matter if you feel stupid or think you look corny, the most important thing is that in case of an accident, you'll have a better chance of walking away.

down.

Ice Skating — You can find a frozen pond or go to a local skating arena. If you do choose to find a pond and skate on it, make sure the ice is thick enough to hold you. This means not only on the edges, but also at the center of the lake. Don't be stupid. If it's still too cold but you want to dust off those old skates, just go to Floyd Hall Arena or somewhere like it. Don't risk drowning under ice to have a little fun.

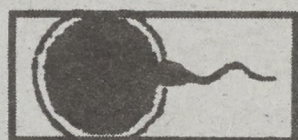
Skiing/Snowboarding

— You could be that annoying person and snowboard down the hill that everyone is sledding down. Or you can go somewhere like Mountain Creek and pay a few bucks to have a professional course for you to enjoy. Just remember, you should



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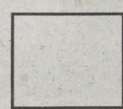
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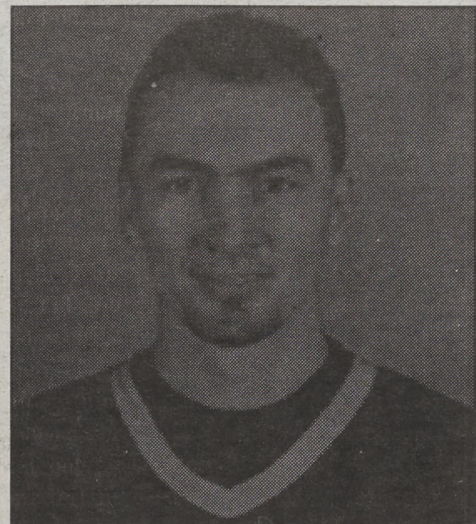
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Top Ten Worst Names in Sports History

Mike Johnson
Assistant Sports Editor

10. Miroslav Satan - His name sounds more like a character out of a horror film or even the book of Revelation. Although it is pronounced "sha-TAHN," one could confuse Miroslav with a much-less likable character, or even the Prince of Darkness himself. Satan has managed to have a good career and has scored 301 goals in 12 seasons and is among the elite players, but will always be among the elite worst names in the NHL.



courtesy of newyorkislanders.com
Darkness reigns over Nassau Coliseum when Miroslav Satan takes the ice for the New York Islanders.

9. Pete LaCock - Pete LaCock's stay in Major League Baseball was rather short and uninteresting. His nine-year career

ended with a flaccid .257 batting average and a total of 27 homeruns. Needless to say, Pete couldn't cut it with the big boys. He should have gotten into show business like his old man Peter "Marshall" who was the host of "Hollywood Squares" from 1966-1981. Maybe little Pete should have followed in his father's footsteps and changed his last name.

8. Misty Hyman - Misty Hyman made this list for having the most disturbing name a woman could probably have (except for No. 2 on our list). The 2000 Sydney Olympics gold medalist failed to break through and qualify for the 2004 Olympics in Athens and has fallen off the Earth since then, but we can never forget Misty Hyman.

7. Harry Colon - Harry Colon is not only remembered for having one of the worst names a parent ever gave their child, but he does hold the Jacksonville Jaguars' season record for interceptions (three). His six years in the NFL will be remembered more for delivering gut-busting laughs when his name was announced than his ability to intercept the ball. Maybe he should have gone to medical school and become Dr. Harry Colon, proctologist.

6. Dick Butkus - Dick Butkus may be most noted for his low crew-cut styled hair, though it may be his horrible name. This Hall of Fame linebacker for the Bears was given a terrible last name pronounced "butt-kiss," but to make matters worse, his mother and father, for some reason, gave him the name Dick. What were you thinking mama and papa Butkus? What were you thinking?

5. Assol Slivets - Assol Slivets may have



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It's too bad porn wasn't too popular in the 1930s and 1940s. Johnny Dickshot would have been a perfect fit.

gotten a rude look or two in her lifetime when asked what her first name is. You know you're going to make some kind of list at some point in your life when your first name can't even be said on television or radio. This Belarus-born skier took fifth place at the 2006 Turin Olympics in the women's aerial ski competition and took fifth place on the list of worst sports names ever. You've just got to love Assol.

4. Lucious Pusey - You can say it how you

want, but he knows how it's pronounced. At least he used to. This linebacker for the Division I-AA Eastern Illinois Panthers legally changed his name to Lucious Seymour, but he will forever be remembered as Lucious Pusey.

3. Johnny Dickshot - John Oscar "Ugly" Dickshot made the diamond his stomping grounds for most of the '30s and '40s. Although Johnny didn't play in many games, he still managed to leave a legacy of having one of the most peculiar and coolest names of all time. The name Johnny Dickshot reminds me more of a secret agent. However, Johnny Dick Shot definitely is No. 3 on the list of worst names in sports.

2. Rusty Kuntz - You may ask, "How can this next guy only be No. 2 on the list," but Rusty Kuntz fell just a bit short of the No. 1 spot. This seven-year veteran of MLB most likely didn't even lead his neighborhood in any category in any year. Proving true to his name, he was quite rusty, finishing his career with a batting average of .236 and had a whopping five homeruns and 38 RBI. While these numbers speak for themselves, Russell Jay Kuntz can't, so I nominate him for the No. 2 spot.

1. Chubby Cox - Who can beat out all of those other poor souls and their terrific names? Well, Chubby Cox of course. John Arthur Cox III, better known as Chubby, played in only seven NBA games and a total of 78 minutes and scored 28 points in his professional career. The Washington Bullets weren't big fans of Chubby, but we saw all we needed to see. Chubby Cox will hold the No. 1 spot as long as I have a say.



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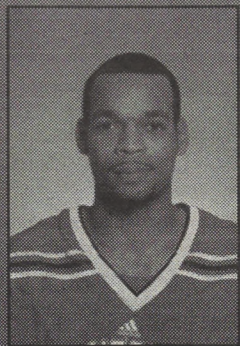
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WHO'S HOT

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JONATHAN ARTHUR
Forward

Arthur scored 15 points and picked up five rebounds in MSU's 73-56 victory over St. Joseph's (Vt.) in the finals of the Skidmore Invitational. For his outstanding play, he was named Most Valuable Player.

STEPHANIE MACHIN
Forward

Machin picked up a double-double, scoring 24 points along with 11 rebounds in Montclair State's 87-30 victory over Rutgers-Camden on Saturday.



BASKETBALL

BASKETBALL



KARA BURNHAM
CATHERINE CRISTINO
MEGHAN KELLEY

All three players each scored 11 points in MSU's 87-30 win over Rutgers-Camden. The win ended MSU's two-game losing streak.



Game of the Week Men's Basketball

Saturday, December 9, 2006
Panzer Gym, 1:00 p.m.



MSU Red Hawks
3-3 (0-0 NJAC)

TCNJ Lions

4-2 (1-0 NJAC)



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- 45.) _____
- 50.) _____

Answers: 3 - Will Bishop; 4 - Geoff Grivalsky; 10 - Mike Herr; 15 - Garann Dickson; 20 - Chris McCann; 22 - Dan Hennessy; 23 - Maurice Torres; 24 - Elliot Solop; 25 - Steve Hargett; 30 - Ken Dudley; 32 - Donald Reid; 33 - Jonathan Arthur; 34 - Beau Williams; 35 - John Byrne; 40 - Enrico Younger; 42 - Charles Miller; 45 - Steven Hansen; 50 - Eric Sylvester

Basketball (Men's)

	NJAC	Overall
NORTH DIVISION		
Rutgers-Newark	1-0	5-0
Ramapo	1-1	5-1
William Paterson	0-0	5-1
MSU	0-0	3-3
NJCU	0-1	4-2
SOUTH DIVISION		
Kean	1-0	4-0
TCNJ	1-0	4-3
Rutgers-Camden	0-0	4-1
Rowan	0-0	3-1
Richard Stockton	0-2	3-2

This Week
Sat. vs. TCNJ 1 p.m.

Last Week's Results
12/1 - MSU 79, Williams 69
12/2 - MSU 73, St. Joseph's (VT) 56

Basketball (Women's)

	NJAC	Overall
NORTH DIVISION		
William Paterson	1-0	5-2
Rutgers-Newark	1-0	4-2
MSU	1-0	3-4
NJCU	0-1	2-3
Ramapo	0-2	1-4
SOUTH DIVISION		
Kean	1-0	5-0
TCNJ	1-0	4-2
Richard Stockton	1-1	2-5
Rowan	0-1	4-3
Rutgers-Camden	0-1	3-3

This Week
Sat. vs. TCNJ 3 p.m.

Last Week's Results
12/2 - MSU 87, Rutgers-Camden 30



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Lady Red Hawks Wake Up

Robert Aitken
Staff Writer

After back-to-back losses, the Lady Red Hawks basketball team opened NJAC play with a dominating 87-30 victory over Rutgers-Camden at Panzer Gym this past Saturday. The Red Hawks seemed very motivated to get back on the winning side. They jumped on the Scarlet Raptors and never seemed to look back.

It only took them five minutes to get a quick 15-2 lead. They would double the lead to a 30-4 advantage. They increased their lead to 35 points and went into the locker room at the half with a 48-13 lead.

"It was very important to lead early," said freshman Catherine Christino. "It really boosted our confidence. We needed that."

There were five players in double figures for Montclair State University (3-4, 1-0). Sophomore Meghan Kelley and freshmen Christino and Kara Burnham all scored 11 points off the bench. Junior guard Jessica Garrabrant added 10 points and eight rebounds. Senior Stephanie Machin recorded a double-double for her team on this game and outscored Rutgers-Camden (3-2, 0-1) in the first half,

"It was very important to lead early. It really boosted our confidence. We needed that."

Catherine Christino
Women's Basketball

20-13. The captain added four more points in the second half, giving her a total of 24 points to go along with 11 rebounds.

The second half was more of the same for the Red Hawks. Montclair blasted out of the second half with a 16-0 run, increasing their lead to 64-13. The game ended with a 57 point margin of victory.

2006-2007 Women's Basketball Preview

Bobby Melok
Sports Editor

Montclair State University women's basketball has big shoes to fill this season. The team has finished the season with a winning record every year since 2002, the best season being 2003-2004, when the team finished 21-7. The team has also qualified for the ECAC tournament every year since 2002.

Last year, the team finished 18-10 and advanced to the semifinals of both the NJAC and ECAC tournaments, where they fell just short of greater success, losing each game by six points.

Naturally, this year's squad will be looking to improve their game and reach the next level. They started the 2006-2007 campaign a little shaky, winning only two of their first six games, before being blown out by nationally-ranked No. 1 Bowdoin College 86-46 at home.

With their non-conference schedule over for the most part, the team needed to buckle down for NJAC play. They came flying out of the gates and rolled over Rutgers-Camden 87-30 to open the conference season.

Red Hawk women's basketball will need to maintain that level of play for the rest of the season if they want to reach higher ground. They should have no problem with the talent present on the court.

MSU's backcourt has been a big part of the team in the early weeks of the season, and will continue to be for its remainder. Forward Stephanie Machin, the 2006 NJAC Player of the Year and an All-American, leads the team in scoring this year, averaging 13.1 points per game (PPG). Machin is

not only a threat under the basket, but from the line as well. So far this year, she has made 51 percent of her free throws. She is no slouch on defense either, as she has picked up an average of seven rebounds each game.

Machin is joined in the backcourt by Ferin Catlett. The senior forward ranks third on the team in scoring, averaging 9.1 PPG, and third in assists as well, with three per game. Catlett's best performance this season came in a 71-60 loss to King's College, where she scored 18 points.

This year's team is not about one player. Every player is making an equally great contribution. Guard Jessica Garabrant will be a defensive roadblock that opponents will find tough to break through. In seven starts, she picks up 9.1 rebounds per game, and leads the team in blocks with 14 on the season.

The team, currently 3-4 on the season, has a tough road ahead of them if they want to make the postseason. With the new divisional alignments in the NJAC, the Red Hawks find themselves in the North Division with four competitive teams that they will have to play twice.

This year's Rutgers-Newark squad is 5-0 on the season (including a conference win), but the Red Hawks have the odds on their side against the Scarlet Raiders. MSU leads the all-time series 36-4, including a win last year. MSU holds similar all-time records against NJCU and Ramapo (37-3 and 33-7, respectively), but those teams currently hold better records than the Red Hawks. William Paterson seems to be the Red Hawks' biggest challenge every year, as the Pioneers have taken 24 of the 59 meetings between the two teams.

Red Hawk women's basketball season looks great on paper. With the NJAC season underway, the ladies look to roll over the division, and should make the NJAC tournament once again. How they play will dictate how deep their postseason lasts. How they play will dictate how deep they go into the ECAC or NCAA tournaments.

MSU Women's Basketball Since 1995-1996

Overall	NJAC
1995-1996	
15-10	13-5
1996-1997	
20-8	11-7
1997-1998	
15-12	11-7
1998-1999	
20-7	14-4
1999-2000	
10-14	8-10
2000-2001	
15-11	11-7
2001-2002	
12-13	8-10
2002-2003	
13-12	8-10
2003-2004	
21-7	9-4
2004-2005	
15-12	9-7
2005-2006	
18-10	14-4
TOTAL	
502-311	247-139